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TRUTH'S SIMPLICITY

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WHAT a restful word is simplicity! When we begin to think, to meditate upon the beauties of living, we become convinced that a "man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth." It is not rare gifts that make men happy, but the common, simple, universal gifts. The child consciousness necessary to the unfoldment of the individual has its beginning and end in simplicity. A child is naturally simple, and no person can become as a little child until he becomes natural and simple. When man has exhausted every complexity of life seeking to be, rather than simply being, he learns that he may find peace and satisfaction in being open, direct, free, natural and unassuming.

Jesus was the teacher of Truth in its simplicity. He did not give us a religion, but a certain teaching, so simple and true, that the wise and prudent of the world cannot know it until they have let go of all their preconceived intellectual lore and become as little children, for only in this way can the kingdom of which he taught be entered. Because Jesus did not answer the question, "What is Truth," asked by Pilate, the world has been inclined to think it unanswerable. To Jesus it was a simple question, and with the evidence of his many and mighty works at hand, he did not consider it necessary to justify himself before the court of Pontius Pilate. Pilate had his own standard of conduct, and Jesus knew, more than likely, that he would live up to it, because he had not yet discerned a living principle of action, free from the demands of the populace. Because of the failure of man to discern God aright, and so find an answer

to this question, the world set up a moral standard of conduct, outlined plans of salvation, inaugurated methods of repentance, and anyone who deviated from these moral codes was considered an offender by the Pontius Pilate of the world, which looked to the letter of the law, rather than the Spirit. All this belongs to the past and so is written in that tense, for it is discernible to the clear seeing eyes (minds) that old things are passing away and that the seeds of Truth sown by Jesus many centuries ago are bringing forth an abundant harvest at this time. Everyone who is reaping the fruits of Spirit, in any degree, has answered the Pontius Pilate of his own thought-world, and knows whereof he speaks when he speaks of Truth.

Jesus was true to his mission. Fearlessly he gave forth the Truth, regardless of the thought of the age. His teachings were of joy, life, love, peace and good-will, and he promised that when we tasted of his joy, our joy would be full. This is the joy that is coming out of the understanding and application of Truth in our daily living. To every one of his disciples he gave the message, "As ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give." This is the Truth we herald and spread abroad with joy for it gives us life here and now, banishes sickness, casts out sorrow and distress, lifts the burden of sin, overcomes death because sin, its cause, is removed in the true forgiveness.

The teachings of Jesus are scientific, exact principles, having their foundation in God, and are therefore the "same yesterday, today and forever." Because Truth is scientific and exact is all the more assurance that man can understand and apply it in any age. Truth is changeless, eternal and omnipresent. It already is, and always has been in the being of each of us. Truth is to be established in *consciousness*, to be recognized as our birthright. Did not Jesus say that when the Comforter is come, "Which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, what-

soever I have said unto you." Can we not understand that from which we came? Does not the creature have a consciousness of the Creator? "In him we live and move and have our being." Man manifests God, yet dwelleth in God, just as ice manifests from water, yet dwelleth in water. God is the formless, man is the formed; God is the Infinite, man is the finite. "One God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him."

God is; not has been, nor will be, but is—Being. No human argument can prove to man that God is. Only God can prove to man that he is, and that man is divine. Man feels the presence and power of Something superior to himself which encompasses the universe with law and order. We rest in this first axiom of Truth, and await the proof which comes to us every moment of our lives if we, with childlike hearts, will only acknowledge God in all our ways. An axiom is a self-evident Truth. All our sciences have their starting point in an axiom, out of which comes the various principles, the orderly relation and application of which result in harmony. Are the principles of mathematics truth? Does not their orderly application bring forth harmony always? If the operator is not familiar with his principle, error results, but does this effect the trueness of the principle? If man arranges the ideas of Divine Mind in consciousness in such a relation to each other that they bring forth imperfection, he too comes to an erroneous conclusion. The longer either continues to operate from the wrong premise, the larger and more complex grows the error. Man's ability to demonstrate all the fullness of the God-head, lies in his power to harmonize his ideas with the ideas of Divine Mind. Jesus taught the Fatherhood of God and man's oneness with him as a Son. This is the Truth that makes man joint heir with God. Jesus recognized his freedom of expression for "as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." The Son is responsible for his fullness or lack of life, is the operator that applies the Father principle.

We are required to decide early in our Truth studies,

Is God all? As we go on the way, we are continually called upon to choose between what we see and what we know, to divide aright the result of thought. Is there a power at work back of the appearance of ill health, or is it but the effect of a wrong combination of ideas? Where does this arrangement take place, in consciousness or in Being? Being is All Power, the Omnipotent Good and has not been touched by errors of any kind. Do you not see how you really speak the Truth when you say in the appearance of sickness, "I express harmony for I am one with Harmonious Being." Strike at the very root of the error as did Jesus, when he said, "Get thee behind me, Satan; thou art an offence unto me; for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

God is Spirit. The Spirit of all is its life. We do not mean by life, that period of mortal existence that begins with birth and ends with death, but the Life Idea in Being. No mortal has ever known life, for life is immortal, and is only realized through the Son of God consciousness, the man "born of the Spirit." "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," said the Master of Truth, speaking as he always did from his consciousness as a spiritual being. He implied that if a man be dead, yet believed on him (the Christ) he should live. Can mortal man comprehend a dead man being able to believe anything? It is evident that Jesus referred to the man dead in trespasses and sins. Man becomes conscious of his Divine Center (Son) through faith, which is the factor of belief, and resurrects himself. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit," is this resurrection accomplished. In this manner "this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." When we look at the external, seeing the letter only, how much we miss of the life giving substance of Spirit! "The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life." God is one Spirit, Being, and out of this Being comes all the beauty, goodness, grandeur and glory of the universe, the reality of all manifestation.

Another deduction that comes out of the axiom, "God is," is summed up in the words, *God is good.* The word, God, is one with the Anglo-Saxon root word, Good. There was a time in the unfoldment of man when he attributed both good and evil to the Supreme Power, but in the understanding of Truth, man is willing to believe that God would exercise as much wisdom and sound judgment as he would, and knows that an All-powerful Being would not create another being of exact opposite character that would be continually at warfare with his own good creations. Surely man sees the inconsistency of this belief, and honors God at last with his heart, as well as his lips and ceases to adulterate the one Pure Being. "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." Good is the basic foundation of all that comes out of the One Power. "There is none good but one, that is God," is the simple way Jesus expressed it. God made man in his image and likeness, as his crowning creation, and gave him power and dominion over all other creations. Man has the privilege of exercising this power according to his will. He may bring forth after the God-designed plan, or he may, through ignorance of this plan, bring forth after his own independent ideas. Upon this point hinges the perfection or imperfection of man and his world. All of us started right; we were created in One Being as One Son. When self-consciousness entered man forgot his oneness with the Father. God, the principle, remains perfect and it is left to man to erase his errors and let the perfect Principle express through him. It is only when we lift up the Son of God in ourselves, and realize our divine origin, that we understand and appreciate the teachings of Jesus and realize man's power to forgive sins. Living in wrong relation with his Father, man has been the prodigal son, but in the Father-Mind he exists always as the Perfect Son. When we abandon ourselves to Spirit, the Father runs to meet us and clothes us with the royal robe of Truth, placing upon our hand his ring, symbol of the endless bond between the Father and his offspring.

The principles of Truth is the *Science of Being.* Un-

derstanding and applying the principles of Truth is the *Art of Being.* When man reduces his idea of God to Divine Mind, and man as the thought of God, and words as the formation of thought, and the creative power, he discovers the endless chain between God and man, and rests in the assurance that the links are indissoluble. The mystery of the "Word" is cleared up, and he begins to understand how the "Word was made flesh and dwelt among us," and how the "Word was with God and the Word was God." God (Divine Mind) and man (Spiritual idea) are unified in the creation, partners on a cooperative basis for the bringing forth of all the fullness of the God-head. The thoughts always partake of the nature and quality of the thinker, so man, the thought of God, contains within him all the qualities of Being. Through thought man makes connection with the ideas of the Parent Mind, and through words he makes or mars his expression of the Perfect Man he is in the Father. Divine Mind is All-knowing (omniscience), and for this reason it is written, "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." In this consciousness, we claim through the Word all good that we need, letting it rest with God out of which comes all visible substance, to give the increase. Man is the negative pole of Being, of which God is the positive; God is the fullness, man is the emptiness. God is both the giver and the gift. As a child of the All-knowing Principle, deny every appearance of ignorance in yourself and those you contact, and you will soon see the desert places in your world become verdant with the fruitage of the Truth declared. Man has power to bless or curse himself and the whole human family according to his thought and word.

No man liveth unto himself alone. What is good for one individual is good for all. The term good, as coming out of the Parent Mind, is that quality of goodness which is universally good for everybody, everywhere and is so good that it can never be anything less. Perhaps the first universal good the race desires is the quality of health. Health is good for everybody and cannot be depleted no matter how

many people express it. Health is a principle in Being, that is, it has its foundation in Good (God), and is as omnipresent as God. Man applies certain principles in figuring the cost of the house he lives in and concludes to pay the price before he erects it. The body is man's permanent abiding place, the "temple of God," and is inseparably connected with Being. A perfect body is the manifestation of the perfect body-idea in Divine Mind, and is spiritual, since God is Spirit. The peace, harmony and joy that comes from dwelling in a well-ordered body (a holy-whole temple), is bought with a price; the price of surrendering the self, the man-made ego, and establishing in consciousness the qualities of the Christ-self. Man's true mission is to bring forth the spiritual body (new earth) through transforming his mind. This can only be done through multiplying and replenishing the earth (body) with the ideas of Divine Mind, and letting go of limited, discordant thoughts.

When I begin to think health ideas, for we must remember that the thought shapes the word, and the word is the creative power, a power for perfection if used to express Divine Ideas, I am thinking the thoughts of God after him, and immediately I do that, I am lifted above the limitations and imperfections of the mortal consciousness into the realm of Infinite Good, and am consciously connected with the principle Health. Do you not see that the door is opened by thought, and that the great stream of health from the All-providing Father pours into your consciousness until every cell of your organism is radiant with health and life? "I am the Lord that healeth thee!" In other words, I am that consciousness of God within you that makes you whole because you recognize me as the living principle of Good in which is health. So purifying is the presence of God, if we can for a single moment allow the power of the Spirit full sway in our consciousness, that all discord is removed and his wonderful, harmonizing presence penetrates and permeates every cell and atom of our being with vitalizing life and energy.

Do not strive for that which is already yours. The

Father's office is to provide and give; this he has already done. The Son's office is to seek and receive. Much failure in applying the principles of Truth comes from not recognizing that God and man each have a specific function. Man either forgets to ask, or having asked, begins to look about for ways and means through which God may operate. "You ask and receive not, because you ask amiss; that ye may consume it upon your own lusts." "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name [in the consciousness of yourself as a Son and heir of the Father] ; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." Enter into your inner throne room, the silence of your being, and with childlike simplicity affirm or make known your needs. Realize that the Father knoweth because you are one with him, and every good thing that he has is yours; believe that you have received. Give thanks for what you need as already *being*, then rest in the consciousness that it will manifest. If you have the perfect realization of your oneness with the Father at the moment, the manifestation will be instantaneous. Time does not enter into demonstration, but demonstration depends upon your consciousness of having all that the Father hath. If you do not at first see the evidence of your faith, and are led into the wilderness of your thought-world "to be tempted of the devil," stand porter at the gate and absolutely refuse to admit a single suggestion of failure. So perfectly does a demonstration, that came to the writer early in her studies, prove this point, that she relates it, trusting that others may be uplifted and more readily understand the application of the principles herein set forth:

I was not conscious of thinking about rheumatism, but became aware one morning that I was manifesting that inharmony. Immediately I began to affirm that, "I am a spiritual being; the child of my Father who is Spirit, and am not subject to any limitations whatsoever. I walk uprightly. I am not flesh and I am not subject to the ills of the flesh. Dis-ease of any kind has no foundation in God and has no power nor presence." For two days there was a constant conversation going on between error and Truth.

Knowing that the power of my thought was the life of the discord, I absolutely refused to nourish anything that did not give me peace and harmony. Every time that error presented itself in my consciousness (mind), for it is in consciousness that all demonstration has its birth, I answered back with the Truth. On the morning of the third day, I was scarcely able to walk across the room, but I wish I might convey to you the expectancy that filled my heart. I am convinced that there was not a shadow of a doubt in my mind of the supremacy of Spirit over error and the willingness of God to manifest health in and through me. After creeping downstairs and back again, I was prompted to sit still. I dropped into a chair much as a child drops into its mother's arms, and no sooner had I looked within than a thrill of indescribable ecstasy swept through my whole body and I was impressed with the words, "You can walk with perfect faith, for Love hath cast out fear." I was also impressed with the idea of sunshine, and strange to say, this impression at the moment seemed dominant. I put on my hat, ran downstairs and out into the glorious sunshine; everything dazzled with light. I was really half way to my work when I realized I was walking perfectly, and then the "devil" (personal ego) called my attention to it by advising me that I would not be able to walk up the stairs to the office. Clad in the consciousness of the One Presence and Power, which I had so recently contacted, I did not answer back, but mounted the stairs with perfect ease and let it be a testimony of the supremacy of Truth. Reviewing this demonstration, I know that the glorious realization came through my persistent denial of error and affirmation of Truth every step of the way, and my beginning *immediately* to handle the claim. In other words, do not invite your guest into your mental home through believing in its presence or power. Begin to speak the positive Word of Truth at the first appearance of error and continue to speak it despite the appearance. If you are entertaining visitors from the error realm, begin now to disown and disconnect them through refusing to nourish them with your thought.

One cannot demonstrate perfection in any line with a mixed consciousness, believing now in the supremacy of evil and then in the power of Truth.

Love is another quality of Good (God) that is universally desired. Not the love that separates itself into cliques, castes and families, and becomes a unit of selfishness, but that principle of Love which involves good-will for all mankind, kindness under all circumstances. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen." But some say, "I can't imagine God loving." Could loving continue without Love? Can we separate the application of a principle from the principle? Are we not multiplying because of multiplication? Are we not living because of the principle Life? Are we not strong because of the principle Strength? All the attributes of God are continued in his Ideal Man. We connect with Love and bring forth harmony when we apply the principle in loving, for "He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love." How the exercise of these simple qualities of mind in daily living bring us in touch with God! Yet we see our neighbor, whom we feel is kind and loving, going through all kinds of privations and sickness. What of him? He does not *consciously* connect with the Father; he is not aware that he is a Son and has the right to take all the wealth of the Parent Mind and use it. If you will go into the matter you will find that he is *consciously* connected with discord and inharmony through believing he is subject to them. Had man known and applied these truths, Jesus would not have needed to come for the purpose of pointing him to his real kingdom, the kingdom of heaven within. The object of Truth is to resurrect the teachings of Jesus so that they may become living, vital factors in our lives, bringing us into harmony of body and affairs, thus making manifest the kingdom of heaven on earth. No creeds, philosophies or tenets are included in the principles of Truth, but a method of living in conformity with Divine Law. "There is a Spirit in man and the in-

spiration of the Almighty, giveth them understanding."

All the qualities of Being, all that is universally good, Intelligence, Strength, Power, Substance, Life, Love and Truth are spiritual and man enters into realization of them only through his mind (spirit). Man's power to demonstrate these qualities in his life lies in his consciousness to claim them through the "I Am" (Son), as did Jesus. Through praise, acknowledgment and thanksgiving, the mind is opened to these Truths and all the bounty of God flows into consciousness. Jesus acknowledged and unified himself with the Substance Idea, and fed the multitude; through his consciousness of the omnipresent Life Idea, he raised the dead; through his consciousness of Power, he stilled the waves and winds. Through thoughts and words of Truth, man establishes a consciousness of himself as Spirit, and returns to his original power and dominion. The body is the outpicturing of man's ideas, and it is through the mind that the body is transformed. Lay hold of all the ideas of the Parent Mind through affirming:

I am all that God is.

I am God's child and unified with him through Christ (I Am).

I am Health; I am Life; I am Intelligence; I am Power; I am Substance; I am Strength. "I and the Father are one."

Be bold in claiming your sonship. The Father loves to express his perfection, and it is the nature of Love (God) to give freely. A consciousness of Truth is leading step by step unto its perfect demonstration, a spiritual body, the perfect fulfillment of which is eternal life here and now. When you plant a seed in the soil you rest in the assurance that it will come forth at its appointed time. You do not see all the processes of growth that are taking place underneath the surface, but you know that the dominant idea of the seed is attracting to itself all necessary to sustain and nourish it, and then at a moment you know not, the earth parts and out comes the tiny, green shoot into the light of a new world. Likewise the seed of Truth, nurtured by the light (Intelli-

gence) and warmth (Love) of the sun (Son) breaks through the material thought (earth) and transports us into a new world, and soon we find ourselves continually basking in the sunshine of the presence of God.

A DAILY CONSECRATION TO TRUTH

I go forth this day to manifest the *I Am.*
I am not moved by things that appear.
I am not governed by feelings.
I am not led by words or thoughts of others.
I am not influenced outside of myself.
I am myself in Truth.
I maintain this consciousness every moment.

I am true, not false.
I am strong, not weak.
I am free, not bound.
I speak only of true things.
I never utter the opposite.
I hold the Truth under all circumstances.
I give thanks always.

I have the Will,
I have the Power,
I have—today
To think, according to the Truth,
To speak, according to the Truth,
To acknowledge Perfection as my Source,
To purpose that my mouth shall not transgress.

—*Fannie B. James.*

To ruminate upon evils, to make critical notes upon injuries and be too acute in their apprehensions, is to add unto our own tortures, to feather the arrows of our enemies and to resolve to sleep no more; for injuries, long dreamt on, take away at last all rest.—*Sir Thomas Browne.*

Many a man's own tongue gives evidence against his understanding.

REALITY

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OTHING so much fixes the mind amidst the turbulency of present things, as both a look above them and a look beyond them. Study pure reality, if you would have your confidence firm. So much as the real gets into your established thoughts, so much doubt and uncertainty goes out of your thoughts. Some philosopher has said that "if one seeks the mind of the age he will find it in its slang." If this be true, the character of our day is aptly mirrored in the phrase, "The real thing." This current expression is a central one around which revolve such satellite sayings as, "On the square," "doing things," "making good," "worth while" and "the square deal." These all testify that the basic trait in the life of the age is the search for the *real.* It is the striking feature of our present day life. The *Puck* of every country reveals the humor of the day reveling in ridicule of the make-believe.

The search for the real is apparent everywhere. Theology is not religion, but *its* ideas concerning religion. Theology is becoming so much more real and religion is born anew in the spirit of modern and scientific knowledge. This desire for the real is a desire for Truth, and is an encouraging symptom. Lowell, the noble poet, would not feel today like saying, "Truth is on the scaffold." It is grandly marshalling spiritual forces. This quest for reality demands discerning minds and open visions; for to us sometimes the things most real are things of sense.

As students of Truth, we affirm the reality of Jesus the Christ, and his teachings to be our standard. Not merely a cordial feeling toward him and his simple teachings, but a possession by our Spirit of his realness now. We reckon time from his birth, commemorate his resurrection as humanity's rest day, and the onward

moving church, unconfined by sects or creeds, bears his name. The reality of Jesus commends belief in his teachings. Do you wish to be conscious of this reality? Then test in daily life Jesus' ideas of eternal values. Van Dyke says, "No belief is worth keeping until it can bear the touch of reality."

There is too much love in the world, which is spiritual; too much friendship, which is eternal; too much bona fide brotherhood, which is the other side of God's fatherhood, for us to deny or decry that the great reality is Spirit. Religion is not creed, church or symbol, dream or bliss; it is God's life in every man, and therefore the most real thing that mankind can know. How know? By knowledge of the Absolute seen through relative conditions. Ideas remind one of pictures on a screen. When we look through them, at the light of the Absolute Principle, it transforms them into ideals. Both the Absolute and relative elements are necessary to their (ideals) existence. It must be made clearer to us all that before any human being can appreciate his right relation to life, it is needful that he utterly forsake the viewpoint he accepted on entering this sphere of finite thought—the earthly life—to stop relying on intellectual impressions, as the basis of Absolute knowledge. At the center within is Absolute knowing. There is found the Christ-ideal within us. There the individual comes into harmony with the Universal Reality and shares its consciousness. This was Jesus' standpoint. Our failures are due to reliance upon external supports. The world we see without in space, and the world we see within are objective manifestations of One Reality. The purpose of our existence is evidently spiritual perfection, the attainment of the *reality* as lived by the Christ.

From the practical point of view, Spirit should be regarded as we consider the air we breathe, that is, as immediately surrounding the soul and like the atmosphere, adequate to meet all our demands. Beyond this simile, reality interpenetrates and animates in a sense in which atmosphere does not, for Spirit is within and around all else.

It is the source of all, and holds and controls all. Let every thought lead you to a new sense of oneness with reality. Let this idea so fill your mind that it shall remove all shams, all sentiments of personal aggrandizement, all jealousy, envy and wrong. There is no room for these thoughts when the consciousness (awareness) of Reality, which is the Christ consciousness, is realized. All life in the profoundest sense is spiritual. The Spirit is the only ultimate reality, the only cause, the only creator. Every discord may be regarded as a part of this great quest and greatest endeavor to adjust one's self to the heights of Reality. To live by the Spirit, as did Jesus, is to love, honor and realize the great Reality.

THE AUTHOR OF EVIL

Inquire no longer who is the author of evil. Behold him in yourself. There exists no other evil in Nature than what you either do or suffer and you are equally the author of both. A general evil could exist only in disorder, but in the system of Nature I see an established order which is never disturbed. Particular evil exists only in the sentiment of the suffering being; and this sentiment is not given to man by Nature, but is his own acquisition. Pain and sorrow have but little hold on those who unaccustomed to reflection have neither memory nor foresight. Take away our fatal improvements—take away our errors and our vices—take away, in short, everything that is the work of man, and all that remains is Good.—*Jean Jaques Rousseau.*

THE TONGUE

It is the tongue that causes the evils that exist in the world; it is the tongue that sets nations at war; it is the tongue that causes broils in the domestic circle; it is the tongue that causes the fire of animosity and ill-will to burn in our midst. If we can succeed in governing the tongue according to the mind and will of God, we have got peace in our families, peace in our neighborhoods, peace in our community, and, what is more than all, we have peace with our God.—*Orson Hyde.*

NOTES AND COMMENTS BY THE EDITOR

GOD, THE great Father-Mother, who is also a consuming fire, in his love towards us consumes all our faults and establishes in us his ideal, the perfect man. In God as Love we see the creator of life. The law of love, like the law of gravitation, will adjust all the affairs of man. He will then realize and acknowledge his sonship with God.

God a Consuming Fire.

To remember this not only for ourselves, but what is much more difficult, for every human being—no matter how abandoned, how apparently evil—is the key to immortal freedom. Jesus Christ was the one instance of a perfectly adjusted life. He understood the law of spiritual gravitation which is love, and had complete dominion. He knew the unreality of the material, and could see the perfect man in himself.

Although he took upon himself sinful flesh, Christ walked after the Spirit, giving expression to the real man, the ideal of God, thus marking out a path by which we might follow; and just as we follow his teaching and learn to separate the real from the seeming, shall we be transformed and able to build up the spiritual body, eternal in the heavens of our spiritual mind; sin, sickness and death will be banished, and we will attain to the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus, and that is spiritual life and freedom. He hath given us eternal life, and that life is in his Son, the perfect in man. God is Love, and man is his image and likeness. As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly, and this is the real purpose of life, that we might bear his image, and express his glory and bounty and beauty.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

"I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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Gratitude.

Not everybody appreciates the power of gratitude in shaping a well-ordered life. There is a real science of gratefulness—or rather gratitude is part of the great science of mind-action.

The student of mind watches the effect of thoughts, and tabulates them for future reference, as carefully as does the physical scientist the actions and reactions of his chemical solutions. In fact, there is a very close relation between chemistry and thought. Chemical action is carried forward by mental energy, and every property of matter has its cause and real existence in mind.

Experiments with the digestive processes of dogs and cats prove that when we like what we eat there is a pouring forth of digestive juices in the stomach long before the food reaches it. This is appreciation of food, and proves the law of gratitude. Thus grace at table, and the prayer of thanksgiving over our food, is necessary to perfect digestion.

Gratitude is a factor in the law of increase. When Jesus increased the five loaves and fishes he first gave thanks to the Father. The thought of gratitude starts a mind-force that multiplies whatever we idealize. If you want to increase your spiritual understanding, your health or your resources, make a daily practice of being grateful for these things. Give thanks "as if you had already received," and the law of increase will demonstrate its presence in whatever you are thankful for.

We all need more spiritual gratitude, because through it we gain the life and power to carry forward the development of the soul. We often think this influx of spiritual power comes through some individual. This is relatively true, but not absolutely so. God is the indwelling life of

everyone and no lasting help comes to man except he draws upon this fount within his own soul. All that another can do is to point the way. It is a wonderful help to men and women to even suggest to them that they look within for sustenance. They have so long sought for external aids that they do not even know that the Eternal Spirit dwells at the center of their minds. When this fact is told to them, and a few helps given, a change takes place very soon. Often even before they mail the letter asking our aid, we get the call and respond with the power that opens the way to the Father within.

The development of this Spirit of Gratitude is no small part of our work. It is blessed to see the increase in power of every faculty of the mind under the stimulus of gratitude to God—thanksgiving and praising in spirit. Letters by the sackful are received each month acknowledging God and giving him the glory.

It helps everybody, even the doubter, to read the grateful words of these dear children of the New Race; those who are learning the law of Right Thought as the foundation of Right Living.

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That the mind has authority and power over the body is evident in every movement. The hand and the foot, the eyes, the mouth, the tongue, in fact, to a greater or less degree every member of the body is subject to the mind. The thoughts are also subject to the same power. We are constantly saying, "I changed my mind."

Power of Mind Over Body.

What is it that changed the mind and set into action other thoughts and acts? We answer, "The *I*, the Ego, the Identity." It is quite evident then, that this mysterious power called *I* does at all times exercise dominion and put forth its word of authority, but we have not observed the extent of this nor cultivated it beyond the limits of the average thought habit of those with whom we associate.

Yet there have always been people who had mysterious powers, and they were called witches. For example,

these people could say words to warts and they would disappear. This is one of the simple things they could do through the power of their word. They have always been credited with having some connection with unseen forces, usually malefic. When the people did not understand the cause of the power of thought exercised by Jesus, they said he had a devil. This is usually the conclusion of ignorant people, who are naturally superstitious. These so-called witches do not know how they do the mysterious things with which they are credited. They have learned that certain words repeated in a particular way bring about the results, and they are usually as ignorant of the law as their wondering patients. All of which proves that man has authority and dominion through his thought and word.

Following up these clues of man's mental power, we find that there is no known limit to it. Physiologists tell us that cases come before them where the action of the heart can be diminished or increased at will. A thought of fear, anxiety or mental shock stops digestion. Even the presence on the table of food that is disliked, retards the flow of the digestive fluids in the stomach. This was demonstrated recently by exposing the stomach of a dog and watching the digestive processes. It has long been claimed by physiologists that man must once have had mental control of so-called involuntary nervous and muscular systems, but that he has in some mysterious way lost it. These observations prove the existence in man of an unused ability.

Now comes a man who has exercised these latent powers and knows that he can speak to every part of consciousness and it will obey. He is called a God-man, and we deify him. Yet he claimed nothing for himself beyond what is also ours. "Ye shall do these things and greater," was his proclamation. Instead of being "astonished" at this doctrine of man's mind-dominion, we should awaken to the everywhere evidence of its truth and proceed to develop our own innate capacity, and learn to control all the thoughts, emotions and sensations.

All that we find in the world without, we can also find within ourselves. We have been taught from our youth up of the dangers of intemperance, and it is almost a relief to have the subject changed to another battle-ground—the thought-realm within our own minds and bodies.

Affirm the Power of Spirit in Mind and Body.

It is a fact of observation and experience that all the forces manifest in the world, originate in the unseen and invisible atmosphere. Out of apparent vacuity comes electricity, the mightiest force we know anything about. Out of that same invisibility comes the power that moves the body of man. We call it mind, but it is also force. It has power and intelligence, in addition to many other qualities.

All of this proves that there is a world of potentiality all around us that we have not apprehended. This is especially true of our own faculties. We are trying to avoid temptations without, when the greatest source of danger may be within our own minds. "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." There is no danger whatever of anyone being tempted if desire is lacking. It is the lust of the flesh that leads man to do those things which he ought not to do. And what is the remedy? "Walk by the Spirit." This will take away the prime cause of temptation and fortify us against all the wiles of the world. So there is no necessity of warring against the devil, nor fearing evil in all its alluring forms, if we are walking by the Spirit.

When man searches his own soul and finds the source of all his weakness, he is desirous of attaining the mastery. Then is set up a protest by the fleshly appetites and they oppose the pure thought-force that is sent into their midst by the Spirit. Contention is rife for a season and things seem to be worse than ever before. This is termed by some metaphysicians "chemicalization," meaning that it is similar to the action of opposing chemicals. It is the war of true thoughts and error thoughts in consciousness, and all we have to do is to take sides with the Truth—that is, "walk by the Spirit," and the right will prevail.

It is found that nervousness is a reaction in the nervous system, following excessive mental or physical exercise. Artificial stimulation is sure to bring depletion, under the physical law. This is the law of cause and effect, which pertains to the material world. But there is a higher causing power than that obtained from food-energy—which is called Spirit. This is what Paul refers to, "If ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

The works of the flesh and the works of the Spirit are so palpable that it is superfluous to rehearse them. No one contends that a good, pure life does not bring forth good fruits in mind and body, but where the lusts of the flesh have apparently been stronger than the Spirit, man has cried out for help, and here it is. Affirm the *power* of the Spirit within your mind and body as a *dominating* mind-force, and you will "walk by the Spirit," and be freed from the temptations of the flesh.

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A commandment is not the edict of a king or lawgiver, which all men are bound under penalty to obey, but a statement of axiomatic truth.

That God is one and indivisible, is good logic and fundamental in all true worship and demonstration. If our minds are divided by the thought of more than one creative power we cannot concentrate. It is found that those who believe in the power of evil, or destructive forces, are themselves in such discord that they cannot control their thoughts. So the first step in keeping the Commandments is to realize the Oneness of the Creative Power.

The Binding Power of Love.

Love is the binding, joining force of Divine Mind. When Levi, who represents the faculty Love in human consciousness, was brought forth by Leah (Human Soul) she said, "Now this time will my husband be *joined* unto me." We connect our soul forces with whatever we center our love upon. If we love the things of sense or materiality, we become attached to them and lose the ability to enter into the untrammeled realms of Spirit-Mind. This is why the

Lord commanded Moses not to make any graven image of him. These graven images are made by mental pictures. The thought of God as a great king in a place called heaven makes just such a material image in our thought realms, and we grow to believe in and worship such an imaginary Being, instead of the true God, who is Spirit.

Millions of people are joining themselves through their love nature to this personal image of God, and are building up false conditions that must eventually be destroyed. This is, of course, much better than no love to God, but we can just as well understand the truth about God's nature and worship him in his spiritual reality, and get the fruits in the right relation which follows.

Love is expressed through the heart, and to make room in our consciousness for God-Love we must quicken that faculty. On the human side our love is developed through family and friendship relations, but in the regeneration we set up love activity through direct concentration upon the idea, "Divine Love, manifest thyself in me," with the attention fixed at the heart or *solar plexus* center. This sets into action certain spiritual energies that open the way to God-Consciousness.

But we must add to our love, *mind*, that is, wisdom; and *strength*, that is, endurance. When these qualities are brought forth there is a love power developed that can manifest its potentialities in the face of hate, injustice, and unrighteous persecutions of all kinds. With this Divine Love active in the heart, it is no effort to love our neighbors, even though they despitefully use us. Jesus had this Love Consciousness when he said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

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The kingdom of heaven is a state of consciousness in which soul and body are in harmony with Divine Mind. This requires a building up of man along several lines; so Jesus brings many comparisons in his parables representing the kingdom of heaven.

The ten virgins represent the senses. They are five

in number, but they have a twofold action—five within and five without. The outer are connected with the inner, and both draw their supply from the same source. The eye has an inner eye, and the ear an inner ear. So feeling in the surface nerves is dependent upon centers of consciousness within. The supply of nerve force at the surface is proportioned to the completeness of contact with the center within. This contact is made through consciousness, on the part of the individual of the source of life and sensation. It we go to sleep on this proposition, the contact is broken and the oil in the outer lamp (the eye, for example) runs low and finally goes out. If this is extended to the whole five senses, there is a break all along the line, and when the Higher Consciousness seeks to make a union with the lower, there is nothing but darkness and dismay.

Rejuvenating the Senses.

To be prepared for this hour of union, which takes place when we are consciously unaware of it, we should be on the watch and see to it that our lamps are being constantly supplied with oil. The coming of the bridegroom, which is that subtle joining of Spirit, soul and body, is so deep in consciousness that we do not know when it takes place. We feel the result in a greater satisfaction and harmony, when we have been true in thought to the Spirit, and this is in reality the forming in us of the kingdom of heaven. This kingdom is built up in human consciousness day by day, or rather degree by degree. Time is not a factor, but the right adjustment of thought and act to the Divine Law.

The way to supply oil in the lamps of the foolish virgins, is to affirm that the life source of Spirit, in hearing, smelling, feeling and tasting, is not material, but spiritual. This is absolute Truth, which can be proved from even a so-called physical standpoint. The eye cannot see without a conscious comparison in thought of the images reflected into it. Thus sight is really mental, which is but another name for spiritual. The more fully we realize this, the better fed the eye is with that life force necessary to clear,

strong sight. When we, through concentration Spirit-ward, make the union between each of the senses by which they are constantly supplied with the Universal Life, our kingdom of heaven is established in that degree of unfoldment, and from this we go on to other and higher attainments.

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If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your carnal things? Know ye not that they which minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they which wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? Even so did the Lord ordain that they which proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel.—*I Cor.* 9-11.

Thanking You.

When Jesus sent forth his disciples he told them to take neither "purse nor script," because the "laborer is worthy of his hire." Religious workers are always provided for by the Lord through those to whom they minister. We are conforming to this law because we are shown that it is best for all concerned. We might be independent and demonstrate in commercial ways by charging for our services, but this would take away a certain sympathy and love of our people, which is essential to the Unity which we are striving to build up in the hearts of all men.

We are not connected with any of the world's commercial enterprises and have no business in which there is personal profit. We deal in *Ideas* exclusively. They constitute our whole stock in trade. We are sending them out daily to all parts of the world, in the spoken, written, printed and silent Word. These are the "spiritual things" referred to by Paul. You who are receiving these ideas find them useful in restoring your health, giving you peaceful and understanding minds, and even aiding you in finances.

As you look over the religious workers of the world, do you find any who cover a larger scope of spiritual supplies? Most of those who ask your temporal things promise salvation of the soul alone, while we show you the way to save both soul and body. This being true, should you not be very liberal in providing us with every facility for carrying forward this work? We think so, and are not backward

in asking you for your most abundant support. Through knowing this law which we are proclaiming, you are being greatly benefited, and it is your duty to help all men to know it. That is our aim and we are putting forth every effort to this end.

The Unity building has been dedicated to the work of Jesus Christ, but it is not yet fully paid for, and we are promised that those both at home and abroad, who are "reaping the spiritual things," will see that we "owe no man anything but love." The Unity Society is incorporated under the law, and its trustees are giving their time freely to the handling of the funds entrusted to them. If the Lord is moving you to help forward his work with your temporal supplies, you will find this one of the most efficient avenues.

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Creative Thinking.

If we worshiped the true God, and carried out the inspiration of his Spirit, we would have no error thoughts, consequently no diseases, and our minds being filled with good we could have no consciousness of the opposite, hence all fear of a devil or evil would be an impossibility.

The creative power of thought in the formed world binds or sets free the faculties of the mind. If thought is inspired by Truth, there is consequent freedom and liberty to grow in every direction, and enjoy all the privileges of life under the Divine Law. Jesus, representing the Man who understood and worshiped God the Spirit, said, "Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free."

It is the understanding and demonstration that Goodness and Truth are the only realities that sets us free from sense delusions. We may have a perception of this, and intellectually understand that God is Good and God is All, and that the devil and evil are creations of carnal thought, yet having built up, through our thinking power, states of consciousness impregnated with erroneous ideas, we must, through denial and repentance, destroy them and put in their place creations founded upon Truth. So the follower of Jesus Christ finds it incumbent upon him to both understand,

and demonstrate in his daily living the Truth that God is the only Good, and that all evil and disease is unreality, consequently unworthy of his creative power. Man must constantly be on the alert lest he give the creative power of his thought to building up error through resisting it. For example, if one believes that the devil is a powerful personality, and earnestly sends out his thought, accompanied by fear, day after day, he creates a demon after his ideal, and it goes forth to the minds of men, and does just what he has said it would do. This is true of evil of every description.

Spiritual man also makes manifest the only Good, of which he himself is the *supreme* manifestation. Thus Jesus Christ was really God manifest, or the one and only invisible Good expressed in character and form. It is the privilege, and, in fact, the duty of every man to be like Jesus. As Paul truly discerned, we are joint heirs with him of all that is contained in the Divine Mind, or God-head.

Just here we may make clear that much discussed proposition, that God, the Good, does not know evil. It is God, the formless Principle of Being, who is of "too pure eyes to behold iniquity." God manifest, Christ Jesus, may discern the existence of this transitory error, but not enter into it. The claim is that Jesus was tempted in all ways like unto us, but without sin.

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I read that you demonstrated supply and support for people. If you trust the invisible resources it seems to me that it is all unnecessary to ask anybody else. I have thought a great deal about this question, and would like an answer through UNITY.

Ideas—Not Greenbacks.

This point seems to bother quite a number of people. They think that because we can demonstrate prosperity for others, we ought in some way manufacture greenbacks out of the invisible atmosphere for ourselves. We have explained this matter so often that it seems almost superfluous to again call attention to the Law. We make a specialty of the Cause side of existence; we deal in ideas exclusively. We supply people with thoughts which they take and produce things.

When a business man is discouraged with the way his affairs are going, and has become confused in financial thought, we bring him back to center and poise, and restore harmony in his mental atmosphere. This is a sample of the way we do our work. Thousands of people get lost in the thought atmosphere of famine and want. We take them up and hold them in the consciousness of plenty, and they work out success. We do not pretend to do any temporal work that brings profit or increase in our own affairs; this is left to the people who send us enough to meet our daily needs. This is the Law under which we work, and we find it logical, practical and successful.

The blank paper on which our periodicals are printed will cost us $18,000 this year, where it cost but $10,000 last year. We have not increased the subscription prices and the question of meeting this large sum seemed a problem. But we are telling God about the matter, and at the same time putting forth the Word of abundance for all his people. You will get the message, your memory will be jogged and the good you have received will come up and suggest that you prove the law of gratitude and justice. Then you will do what the Spirit moves you to do, and the Law will be fulfilled.

We are proclaiming that good will come out of this problem, and we can right now see how it may be. Suppose each subscriber to our periodicals would solicit a new reader, we would have an increased income during the year of $60,000. We are sure the Lord will bring good out of the situation, and we are speaking the Word and sending it forth to be fulfilled by the Divine Law. "Ask and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." We are demonstrating the power of mind to bring to man supply for every need. If all people would trust this Mighty One in the very midst of them, and *speak its Word*, poverty and lack would disappear from the earth.

"It is in prosperity that one should be humble, and it is in adversity that one should be high-minded."

THE WORTH OF AN EXPERIENCE

During my days of enforced and painful idleness in New York, Castle Garden was my chief resort. I would spend hours on those benches, either writing poetry, generally of a dolorous kind, or studying the many and varied ships which plied the deep before me, or picturing to myself the greater distress which I thought awaited me when my five dollars was all spent. But Castle Garden stands in my memory associated with much holier thoughts than these, for it was there that a spiritual vision came to me unique in my experience. It is, I believe, chiefly because of that vision that throughout my ministry I have preached with unshaken faith and unreserved devotion the precept that "man's extremity is God's opportunity."

Feeling deeply depressed and disheartened, late one afternoon I strolled down to the famous park. The sea and sky were very beautiful, but I seemed to have no share in their beauty: I appeared to myself to be a fugitive in an unfriendly world. I sat on a bench and cast a vacant look on the world before me. I felt very lonely, and longed, as a babe, for my mother. But, as the sun began to fade away from the sky, I began, as by a miracle, to feel an inward supply of power and courage. The beauty of the sea and sky seemed to have been made for me: I was owner of all that I saw. I seemed to myself for the moment to look upon the world through the mystic eyes of my Oriental ancestors, and see it, so far as youth could, as the garment of God. Surely the Father was with me. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God." I remember with perfect clearness that I said audibly, "The God who created me and these wonders before me will never forsake me," and arose and walked like a strong man.

Now you have the privilege of explaining this experience as "an uprush of reserve energy from the subconscious realm," or as "nervous reaction," or whatever else you please. What *I* know is that the *abiding worth of an experience ranks higher* in the world of real life than that *of*

any philosophy about it. From that day to this, notwithstanding the fact that I have often stumbled and fallen, doubt in God's providence has never secured a hold upon my mind, nor do I remember that I have ever failed to trust that he is mine and I am his. In my extremity in a lonely world, without Bible, preacher, priest, or sacrament, I came into living firsthand contact with the Eternal Reality.—*Abraham M. Rihbany, in the "Atlantic Monthly."*

This man, Abraham Mitre Rihbany, landed in New York about 30 years ago when he was nineteen, with less than a dollar in his pocket and a mere smattering of English. He occupies now, the pulpit of James Freeman Clarke's church, one of the historic pulpits of Boston. This, from his remarkable book, "A Far Journey," is so beautiful that I wish it might be re-printed in UNITY.—*Blanche Watson, Sheffield, Mass.*

I HAVE CLOSED THE DOOR

"I have closed the door on doubt;
I will go by what light I can find,
And hold up my hands, and reach them out
To the glimmer of God in the dark and call:
'I am thine, though I grope and stumble and fall,
I serve; and thy service is kind.'

"I have closed the door on fear.
He has lived with me far too long.
If he were to break forth and reappear,
I should lift my eyes and look at the sky;
And sing aloud, and run lightly by,
He will never follow a song.

"I have closed the door on gloom.
His house has too narrow a view.
I must seek for my soul a wider room,
With windows to open and let in the sun.
And radiant lamps when the day is done,
And the breeze of the world blowing through."

—*British Weekly.*

This department is open to all members of the Correspondence School, including those who have finished the course.

Exchange of ideas and power of expression are two of the benefits to be derived from a free use by the students of this monthly forum. Write whatever you think may be helpful to others who are studying along the same line with you. If you have questions to ask, send them in, but be sure that they bear directly on the lessons, or the application of the Truth in spiritual overcoming and teaching. Only pertinent questions will be considered; these will be printed in UNITY, and students are invited to send answers.

The hearty cooperation of all the students in giving their best thought for the help of others will unify all in a broader and deeper consciousness of the Christ Body, and prepare them for more effective restitution work. We shall therefore be glad to hear from you, whatever word you may wish to give.

This school is not founded in any way on commercial methods. There is a Divine Law of giving and receiving, and we keep this law, giving fully and freely, and expecting to receive in the same manner. All our compensation therefore comes as free-will offerings. The request is sometimes made that we set a definite price upon the lessons, but this we cannot do. Truth is priceless from a money standpoint. It cannot be bought for gold and silver. It must be given. Then the law recompenses the giver through those who receive. What one individual gives is not a standard for another. Each should give according to his faith and sense of justice. And no one should be without the Truth from an idea of lack. If you are burdened with the thought of poverty, you need the lessons to free you and help you into the understanding of God as your All-Sufficiency.

This law that equalizes and balances all things, including service and compensation, is taken up in the course and given attention as one of the vital points in spiritual understanding and demonstration.

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THE DAY OF THE LORD

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."—*II Peter* 3:10.

This and similar passages of Scripture in reference to the "day of the Lord" and the passing of the earth and "the works that are therein," has been the basis of many erroneous conclusions. The Bible is a record of the progress of man and deals with both the mortal and spiritual man; it is a testimony of the eternal Truth that has run all through the ages. When man in mortal understanding seeks to explain Scripture texts and connects himself with the mortal element of thought, the whole Bible becomes to him a confused mass of misunderstandings, if not absolute contradictions. When man is quickened of the Spirit, he naturally enters into a more exalted state of mind, and in the degree that he is inspired is able to understand and apply the inspiration of the writers, and to rightly divide the "word of Truth." Scriptural texts, grown old with much repeating, are made alive because of his enlarged capacity of understanding.

The passing of the earth has been construed to mean the destruction of the world. There can be no catastrophe in God's plan of the universe, neither can his children be destroyed. This conclusion honors the Love and absolute Goodness we know God to be. "For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." "He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment; a God of Truth and without iniquity, just and right is he." God is really no more concerned with the erasing of an error than the principle of harmony is with a discord. Errors and discords of whatever nature have no place in the kingdom of God. All man-made limitations, the product of his mortal thoughts, must pass through a process of transmutation. Only perfection must eventually reign in a universe created perfect. The cleansing, purifying process is accomplished in the world as it is in the individual, through

the introduction of vitalizing, life-giving thoughts into consciousness. Consciousness is the sum-total of mentality, (mind powers). Nations (world) have a consciousness as well as individuals. For this reason the records of the world have been divided into different epochs or eras characterized by dominant mental forces of the time.

Man is accountable for every condition in the world. God imaged his ideals and gave to man the power and dominion necessary to bring them forth. Had man continued to draw his wisdom and intelligence from the Infinite Source, he would still be dwelling in paradise—a harmonious body and an orderly world. We would have an entirely different Bible, and the record concerning man would be one grand, inspiring melody. Having used his creative powers in wrong relation to the Parent Mind, man brought forth the perishable heavens and the earth. *Heavens* refer to mental realms; *earth* to the out-picturing of those realms. Everything that appears has back of it a mental state, or an idea. Paul puts it, "Things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." When man is restored to the Divine "image and likeness" in his own mind, his thought forces take on a different character and the restitution of the earth is a natural result of harmony within.

"Man thinks in secret and it comes to pass,
Environment is but his looking glass."

"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night," unexpected, at a moment we know not. This coming of the Lord is man's conscious recognition of the "kingdom of God within." Who have not felt the sudden presence of the Lord in a realization of Truth, "in the which" old ideas and their manifestations (heavens and the earth) passed away "with a great noise" or were dissolved by the "fervent heat" of Spirit. At that moment of exaltation you were lifted above the self-consciousness and seemed one with All. You were in reality at that moment, the Perfect Man Idea in manifestation, called in the Bible the "Son of Man." "Watch therefore, for ye know neither

the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh." We idealize in Spirit (mind), before we realize in manifestation (earth). But anything is no less vital and real, because it cannot be seen. We are always preparing our harvest. The fruit of our sowing is now contained in the seed of our thoughts.

Jesus taught an entirely new order of things for men. He knew that man must eventually come into a higher degree of consciousness, and he came teaching the necessary principles that would govern this new order of living. He taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." His words are Spirit and they are Truth, and understanding the formative power of the Word, it is a logical conclusion that we may expect the establishing of God's kingdom, the realm of Divine Ideas, in the earth. This is being manifest now and is the new order of thought that is causing the fall of the Babylon of the world. Slowly but surely, the seeds sown in consciousness by the Master Mind have been pushing their way upward to the Light of the Lord's day, the day that establishes man in the consciousness of his oneness with God. On every hand we see the evidence of the fulfillment of this day. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The new is always hidden from view for awhile and seems to come out of the old. Good and evil never mix; there is no attracting force between them. Truth has no consciousness of evil; it is in the world, "but not of the world." Are the weeds a part of the wheat because they flourish in the same field? When the harvest comes, the wheat is garnered into bins, but the weeds into heaps to be burned. The dual consciousness of mankind was typified in John (the Baptist) and Jesus Christ. John represents the moral type of man, the man governed by reason and intellectual deductions, of whom Jesus said that the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. "He must increase, but I must decrease," said John, speaking of the personal and Christ consciousness of man. Morality does not always include righteousness. Righteousness is that

state of consciousness that enables man to think and act from principles, universally applicable, and not confined to certain specific personal cases.

The world of affairs is as much the outpicturing of thought forces as is the body of man the product of his mental states. Consciously or unconsciously, we are constantly bringing forth new heavens and new earths. It rests with man whether his work shall be permanent or temporal. Jesus demonstrated that this power is in man and that he has the capacity to bring it into expression. Our perfect freedom from every limitation depends upon our recognition of this divine center (Christ) within. Every man is privileged to recognize the Christ-Spirit in himself which says: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "A man's foes shall be they of his own household"—his own mental home. This is his world.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." A new thought-force is penetrating the world; we are entering the era of the supremacy of mind. We rejoice and give thanks for a Truth that reveals to us that through the process of spiritual thought, man can unformulate his transitory world, forgive his discords and make his blessings as far reaching as has been his curses. This is certainly not a sacrifice that man is called upon to make, but the greatest, grandest conquest known to humanity, the conquest of Self, out of which is to come man crowned with "all power in heaven (mind) and in earth (body and affairs)."

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

To be able to discern that what is true is true, and that what is false is false, this is the mark and character of intelligence.—*Swedenborg.*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Explain: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Jesus was *I Am* (Christ) manifest, the "Word made flesh." He did not speak of himself in a personal sense, because he recognized God as his Father and the omnipresent power through which he did all things. The Christ in each of us, the *I Am*, is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." As Jesus came into a consciousness of God as Father through the Christ, so must we. Jesus' mission was twofold; to prove his own divinity in the midst of humanity and to show the way. For this reason his sayings are intimately associated with the Divine Man-Idea (Christ), not the personal. All the claims he ever made were made for the Son of God. In this realization, we too become united with God through Christ, and boldly, positively assert our freedom from all limitations of whatever nature. Christ in us is the "Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (Christ). We cannot know God except we recognize ourselves as spiritual beings.

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What does the Biblical term, "Peculiar people," refer to.

The term, "peculiar people," refers to those members of the Christ Body who have been born of the Spirit. Peter speaks of them as a "royal priesthood, an holy nation." Paul enumerates some of the qualities of the "peculiar people" as "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." These people are peculiar because they seek to follow the guidance of the Spirit and not the standards of the world. They pray silently rather than audibly; they look to the Physician within for their healing; they trust God as their source of supply; they live and think with greater freedom that when under the law of Adam. They speak of the good and pure, knowing that by their words they are justified and by their words they are condemned. The "children

of the Light," as Peter designates the "peculiar people" are seeking the spiritual realities rather than being conformed to the letter or externality.

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Give distinction between the words compassion and sympathy; absolute and resurrection.

Compassion is a characteristic of love and mercy and is prompted by an understanding heart. To be compassionate is to render aid to the needy in both the reality and the symbol; to know the unreality of the error of the needy one, and to discern the real need and supply it whether it be external sustenance or nourishment for the soul. Compassion is to the spiritual man what sympathy is to the natural man. Through failure to understand the nature of the obstacle or discord, sympathy begets and attracts like qualities of thought, all of which leaves the offended one in a worse condition than before, even though external aid may give temporary relief. Compassion uplifts, restores confidence, overcomes evil with good, and fulfills the law of Love through believing in good as the natural inheritance of man, and assists in substantial ways to that attainment. Sympathy may prompt substantial outer aid, but as long as man believes that his neighbor must suffer, so long will he be unable to bind up the wounds and transform the waiting earth into a realm where good reigns supreme.

The *Absolute* is that which is perfect, unchangeable and real. It is the realm of Divine Ideas in Divine Mind and is the ultimate of all expression. Man unifies himself with the Absolute through recognizing that he is a Son and heir of the Father, and through affirming his oneness with God in affirmation and prayer.

Resurrection means restoration, revival. The word suggests that there has been a falling short from the Divine Standard and therefore the necessity of being restored and revived. Man is restored to the Divine Image, the Absolute, through repentance, a change of mind. Truth, implanted in the consciousness sets up spiritual energies which work out in more harmonious manifestation and man becomes a

new creature in body, and lives in a new world. Through resurrection he becomes an inhabitant here and now of the "new heaven and the new earth." Resurrection does in reality restore the dead to life—those dead in "trespasses and sins." Jesus treated death and sleep as the same thing, because he recognized the purity and perfection of the Life idea and knew that so-called death is only a failure to become *conscious* of life. He said, "I am the resurrection and the Life." Christ, the Absolute principle, the God-Idea Man, is the resurrection and life of each of us here and now. Jesus taught that death is to be overcome and he could not have had in mind a resurrection of bodies from graves when he made his declarations. When one of Jesus' disciples was called, he asked that he might go and bury his father, but Jesus said to him, "Follow me; and leave the dead to bury their own dead." Jesus always pointed his followers to life, more abundant life.

THE HEALING CONSCIOUSNESS

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The study of Truth involves three departments, God, man and man's work. God, the great First Cause, is the All-Good. All good that can be conceived of is God, for, being all-good, God is in and through and above all conceptions of good. So it is easy to understand how God is Life, Love, Intelligence, Substance; it is easy to understand how God is Peace, Joy, Satisfaction, Happiness, Health, Harmony, Prosperity; for all of these things are good; no one will dispute that, and since God is All-Good he must be one with these attributes of Being.

Applying the law that "like always produces like," all the creations of God, the All-Good, are good, and it is impossible for such creations to be anything less than good. Now God is Spirit; therefore God's creations are Spirit. Man, then, is Spirit, a creature of God, and is good. Spirit and Mind are identical. It is the office of Mind to originate or create ideas. Man, then, is the perfect idea of the All-

Good Mind, and in his true being is the image and likeness of God, the Father, being perfect, free and unlimited in Strength, Power, Life, Love, Wisdom.

Man's work is to manifest, or bring into expression or demonstrate, perfect Life, perfect Health, perfect Prosperity, perfect Wisdom, and it is within the scope of every person's development to demonstrate these attributes of God, the All-Good.

This is the problem for every person in the world to work out, and every person is endeavoring to solve the problem. It is true that most people are striving to solve the problem without understanding the principles involved; in fact, without knowing in reality what the goal is, and so they plod on ignorantly, some apparently attaining a measure of success, and more making utter failures in their endeavors to demonstrate the All-Good.

The secret of any demonstration or solution is to know where to begin, to be sure the premise or foundation is correct. Now, the premise is that God is All; that God is All-Good; hence, God, the All-Good, is within each man and each woman, and each person harbors within himself the All-Good, which is perfect Life, perfect Health, perfect Wisdom, Prosperity, Peace, Strength, Power. At one place in his teaching Jesus said, "My Father's house has many mansions." At another time he said, "The kingdom of God (heaven) is within you." Now a kingdom is a place that is made up of a number of states or provinces; so we see that Jesus was clear in his statement that within man was to be found all these different attributes of God, the All-Good.

Having discerned the location of these attributes of God, the next step in the solution of the problem is to know how to become conscious of them. For instance, all people wish to demonstrate health. Having discerned that health is within them, that it is an attribute of God, that it is a natural condition of mankind, let us see what is necessary to demonstrate it. Man knows himself to be what he is through his mind—mind is back of all that he thinks, all

that he says, all that he does, all that he is. Then if he can only get into his mind, or get into his consciousness, the Truth that perfect health abides within him, he will be bound to manifest a perfectly healthy body. So if he finds himself manifesting anything other than perfect health, it is evident that he has in mind or consciousness, that which is not the Truth.

Health presupposes perfect harmony, perfect poise in consciousness, and without harmony in mind health cannot manifest. So if we are manifesting other than perfect health let us examine our minds to see what is the cause of the inharmony which produces the condition called ill-health. Let us see a few of the things that might be causing our difficulty:

Is there anything that we fear? Are we fearful of poverty or future lack for ourselves, or our friends, or our relatives? Fear is inharmony in mind and is contrary to the Truth that God, the Good, is All.

Do we allow anger to control us at times?

Are we ever jealous of another for any reason?

Do we resist evil forcefully?

Do we ever hate another?

Are we irritable, envious, malicious, proud, avaricious, arrogant, cruel, hypocritical?

If we allow any of these mental conditions to control our consciousness we are letting inharmony rule, and this inharmony is bound to be reflected into the bodily condition. Whenever the old thought presents itself, don't give it place in consciousness, but affirm the good. Do this most persistently. Take periods of silent contemplation and affirm the truth of the good attribute as your own, and you will soon see the results in healthful manifestations in the body. The solution is a change of consciousness. As expressed by Paul, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Here is the secret; change your mind and you will change your bodily condition. Get a consciousness of the All-Good, the God Consciousness, and you can

So-and-so gets along nicely and is happy and efficient as long as things go harmoniously and smoothly, but as soon as reverses come, as soon as trouble comes into his life he goes down to defeat.

Truth teaches us that these people are simply reasoning backwards, putting the cart before the horse, so to speak. They reason from effect to cause instead of from cause to effect. When we reach a place in consciousness where we know that all appearances in body and affairs are directly traceable to mind, that all cause is in mind, one can readily see that control of mind will eventually control bodily appearances and affairs.

Smiling in the face of adversity, patiently bearing a bodily affliction, are admirable traits of character from the standpoint of the world, from the standpoint of reasoning from effect to cause, and they give rise to such lines as:

"But the man worth while, is the man who can smile,
When everything goes dead wrong."

We have been wont to look upon such fortitude as this as being highly desirable, as being that which we aspired to reach ourselves, but thanks to the Spirit of the All-Good, we are learning a better way than this. We are learning that it is not necessary to forcefully smile at adversity, that it is not necessary to patiently bear affliction as that which is put upon us by God as a punishment or a trial, and the above lines might very aptly be changed to something like these:

"But the man worth while is the man who smiles,
Because he knows all things go right."

In conclusion, in health and healing, as in all Truth study, the goal we seek is a consciousness of our oneness or unity with God, the All-Good, and while healing of sickness and disease, and the relief of pain and suffering are wonderful attainments to be achieved, in themselves they are mere incidents in living. Right living is the goal of all mankind; and right living follows right thinking, and right thinking consists in conforming all the thoughts to the Truth of Being, that God, the Good, is all there really is, and man is One with God.

SUNDAY LESSONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM—Mark 4:26-32; Matt. 13:33.

26. And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth;

27. And should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how.

28. The earth beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

29. But when the fruit is ripe, straightway he putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30. And he said, How shall we liken the kingdom of God? or in what parable shall we set it forth?

31. It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown upon the earth, though it be less than all the seeds that are upon the earth,

32. Yet when it is sown, groweth up, and becometh greater than all the herbs, and putteth out great branches; so that the birds of the heaven can lodge under the shadow thereof.

33. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

SILENT PRAYER: *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*—Matt. 6:10.

The key to all Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven is found in Luke 17:20: "And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." The Jews had no theory like the modern Christians, of a heaven somewhere in the skies. They looked forward to the setting up of a government on the earth, in which Jehovah should rule through the Messiah. When Jesus talked about the kingdom, they thought he meant this temporal government,

but he had spiritual vision and saw that the kingdom of God had to be worked into the minds and bodies of the people before it could be set up in the earth. The people of his day could not be directly instructed in the metaphysical facts of the situation because they were crude and ignorant of that great mass of knowledge of the mind and its relation to the body, which has been acquired almost wholly in the last century. There have always been a select few who had understanding of the deep truths of existence, but there were no means of instructing the masses, such as we have today, and like Jesus, these wise ones all taught in parables.

Jesus elaborated in his teachings on this point of the character of the kingdom more fully than any other. He never, in all his descriptions of the kingdom, gave it locality, except in the chapter in Luke above referred to. Do not go forth expecting to find the kingdom of God—you will be disappointed if you do. The teaching of Jesus is fully corroborated by the discoveries of modern science. Man cannot know, feel or see anything which he has not first formed in his consciousness.

With these facts before us we have no difficulty in determining who are going to heaven, or rather, who are on the way to heaven. It is those who have heaven within them, and none others. Man does not enter into heaven; heaven enters into him. When the seed ideas of the true character of God are planted in the mind, there begins a growth, the processes of which are beyond human ken. We know that ideas do grow in the mind similar to seeds in the ground, and that the growth of one is no more of a mystery than the growth of the other. Modern science has failed to find the slightest explanation of what the life in a seed is or how it grows. "He knoweth not how." But there is a steady, progressive unfoldment in soul and body when one lets the true seed of Spirit take root in mind. It is often a very small seed-thought that starts this advance of the mind toward higher things. Every word of truth that man utters may find soil fitted to its growth in some mind. The joy that comes to one who sees the harvest of such seed is greater by

far than any earthly pleasure. If you want to taste the sweets of life in fullest measure plant good, true thoughts in your own, or another's mind, and then be at the harvest.

Sunday, December 10

GOOD AND EVIL THINKING—Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43.

24. Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field:

25. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away.

26. But when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27. And the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it tares?

28. And he said unto them, An enemy hath done this. And the servants say unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29. But he saith, Nay; lest haply while ye gather up the tares, ye root up the wheat with them.

30. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.

36. Then he left the multitudes, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Explain unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37. And he answered and said, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38. And the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;

39. And the enemy that sowed them is the devil: and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are angels.

40. As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in the end of the world.

41. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity,

42. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

43. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears, let him hear.

Silent Prayer: *May all my thoughts be inspired by Thee and the seeds of righteousness established in my soul.*

If heaven is a place, Jesus, of all others, should have

described it so that the millions whom he knew would hang upon his every word as truth, might have no doubt about it. But he knew the truth and gave the only description of heaven which men, immersed in the belief that forms are real, could understand—that is, by comparing it to the various conditions about them with which they were familiar.

In today's lesson heaven is described first, as a condition where there shall remain only the good. The evil is likened unto "tares" sown among wheat, which is allowed to grow with the good seed until the harvest, then destroyed, leaving the good only.

Those who have lived in the delusion of time and place as real have assumed that this "harvest" was a great judgment day some time in the future. But Jesus put a negative to this when he said, "The kingdom of God is within you." It must be that there is a state in the mind of humanity where this kingdom of goodness and harmony is supreme.

This state is the "good seed" which is sown in the soil of mind, to be cultivated, increased and a harvest returned to the Giver. The "tares" are the failures, the shortcomings, which result through negligence on man's part. "While men slept" the enemy sowed the tares.

It is in the *mind* that these states are active or inactive. This is the kingdom which man rules and through which he will bring forth heaven. Heaven is already there on one plane of mind, but it must be established on all planes. The so-called evil has place in certain stages of growth, or the Master would not have recommended that it be left alone. Yet man must know that the "harvest" is taking place every day, every hour, every moment, and that the good thoughts and the evil thoughts are constantly coming into a state where they are ripe for the "fire" or the "barn."

It is this sifting process that finally establishes in the whole consciousness the good only, and man gets the joys of the kingdom of heaven as he goes along. If he is industrious in separating the "tares" from his good thoughts, he will bring that peace and harmony which is his in Spirit right

out into visibility, and the kingdom of heaven will be established in his mind and body. When enough men have thus been faithful, the earth itself will take on this peace and harmony and all violence will cease. There will be no wars and no cyclones. The gentle rain of heaven will fall as a dew over all the face of the earth, and all the desert places will bring forth abundantly. Poverty and famine will vanish. Disease will be no more and death fall upon none. The bodies of men will not grow old, but increase in lightness and symmetry with every added spiritual thought until gravity no longer holds them to the earth, and millions will build abodes in the air all about this beautiful planet. Thus is the kingdom of heaven to be established by man with this world as the center of operation.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more.

"And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

"And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God:

"And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away."

"He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."—Rev. 21:1-4, 7.

Sunday, December 17

THE RICHES OF THE KINGDOM—Matt. 13:44-53.

44. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found, and hid; and in his joy he goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls:

46. And having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47. Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48. Which, when it was filled, they drew up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but the bad they cast away.

49. So shall it be in the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the righteous,

50. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

51. Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea.

52. And he said unto them, Therefore every scribe who hath been made a disciple to the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

53. And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

SILENT PRAYER: *My mind to me a kingdom is and all its riches now are mine.*

When the tremendous possibilities of the mind of the Spirit (the development of which reveals the kingdom of God) are discerned by man, he often tries to turn it to pecuniary profit. This is painfully in evidence among some Truth students in this age. The treasure they know is hid in the field of Mind, and, when they discover it, they sell all and buy that field. They turn all their forces of mind and body to the gaining of prosperity through the occult law. Some of them succeed amazingly—for a time, but there is a law of *righteousness*, mentioned by Jesus, which they sometimes forget. If acquisitiveness is large and spirituality small in a man, he is almost sure to try to use his new found domain for pecuniary profit in some way. The laws of the kingdom are so little understood by beginners that they at first make blunders that a fuller understanding adjusts.

For example, a man of ordinary honesty took a course of Truth lessons, in which he was taught that he could bring about any desired change in himself or his affairs by sending forth his silent thought. He had a house and lot which he

had for some time been on the point of selling to a man who needed the home, but was timid in closing up the deal. The Truth student decided that here was a fine opportunity to use his new science, so he began treating his customer to close up the purchase and pay over the money. The very night that he began his treatments he dreamed that he went into a large room where many men were sitting at tables with various gambling devices, and he had a revolver in each hand. His house customer sat at a table near the door, and our verdant Truth student pointed his pistols at his head and told him to hold up his hands; then he proceeded to rob him of his money. He then went from table to table, robbing each one of everything in sight. When he had completed the "hold-up," he backed out the door, and woke himself up running down the street.

This dream was so clearly a warning from the Spirit of what his science treatments were, and what they would lead to, that he was very careful thereafter how he in any way used the Law to take advantage of another man, or move anyone to do anything for selfish ends.

Yet "riches and honor" are promised to those who enter into the kingdom of God, and the fact that some men try to use the Divine Law of prosperity in worldly ways should not deter the sincere truth-seeker from entering into possession of that which is rightfully his. We may blunder in our ignorant use of the Law, but honesty of purpose will draw to us the Spirit of Truth, "who will guide you into all Truth."

Sunday, December 24

SPIRITUAL MASTERY—Mark 4:35-41.

35. And on that day, when even was come, he saith unto them, Let us go over unto the other side.

36. And leaving the multitude, they take him with them, even as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him.

37. And there ariseth a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the boat, insomuch that the boat was now filling.

38. And he himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion: and they awake him, and say unto him, Teacher, carest thou not that we perish?

39. And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40. And he said unto them, Why are ye fearful? have ye not yet faith?

41. And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

SILENT PRAYER: *My word, "Peace be still," quiets every turbulent thought.*

The law of action and reaction, activity and rest, is found everywhere. In mechanics it is this reaction or tendency to inertia that defeats the perpetual-motion machine of the idealist. The mind intuitively discerns that in the realm of causes all things are equal, and that that equality should extend to the realm of effects. When the effect is not properly adjusted to the cause this does not prevail. There is a plane of action, however, where the reaction is so closely allied to its cause that they seem equal. Jesus called this *faith*. Faith is the spiritual name of going forth of energy from mind until it becomes the very *substance* of thought action, and there is no reaction.

Metaphysicians, after years of experience in manipulating thoughts, come to realize their minds as the center of vibratory forces more or less under their control. This is the conscious recognition of that all-pervading energy which we know is the cause of all manifest life. This life does not go and come, it does not act and react, it simply *is*. When man, through understanding and faith, and concentration of thought, and demonstration of mental power, lays hold of this inner energy, it becomes to him a perpetual life-flow, and he has attained the Eternal Life taught by Jesus as the *summum bonum* of existence. The various steps leading up to this attainment are symbolically given in the life and teaching of Jesus.

Today's lesson shows that the *I Am* has not attained a full realization of mental calm and perpetual energy, but, after a period of teaching and demonstration of Truth, is overtaken by sleep. After strong affirming and denying we should proceed to equalize the energy which we have set

into action in *our consciousness.* If we do, no disturbed subconsciousness will follow. If we do not consciously equalize, the forces find their own equilibrium with unrestrained violence—a storm. If we were in full development this would not be necessary, but being but partially in harmony with Divine Mind we set up mental vibrations that act at variance with the fixed thoughts in consciousness, and a storm ensues when we let go, or fall asleep. This is the natural reaction that comes after the extraordinary mental effort of realizing the Law of Being and Existence, or "expounding all things."

"Let us go over to the other side" refers to the passing of the thought from the positive to the negative pole of consciousness. The waves that beat against the "boat," which is the nervous system, or vehicle of the mind, are thought vibrations of various kinds rushing through the waters of the nerves and filling them with error conditions, both from within and without, until the boat is nearly swamped.

Jesus, the masterful I in each of us, is calmly sleeping through all this in the stern of the boat on a cushion. This "cushion," or "pillow," as given in the old version, lying in the stern of the boat, is the *medulla,* the little center of nervous energy lying at the rear or "stern" of the brain. When we fall asleep the conscious identity withdraws to this seat of life in the body and rests there, and allows the natural forces to recuperate without its conscious interference.

But as stated in the beginning of the lesson, there has been great mental force exerted, and waves of thought are sweeping through the nerves at a tremendous rate, and the disciples or faculties of the whole mind are stirred up and afraid. This commotion becomes so pronounced that the *I Am* is awakened and comes out of its sleep. It then asserts its dominion and power by speaking the word of peace. Then follows a treatment against fear.

This experience is quite common in the daily lives of those who are developing the powers of the mind, and they often find themselves nervous and disturbed in sleep by dreams of storms and impending dangers. This is the re-

sult of mental inharmony brought about by thought exertion without proper thought control. When you find yourself in this state, sit bolt upright in bed and quietly hold for the peace and harmony of Spirit. Then affirm the peace of the Spirit, and deny all fear. Repeat this until you get the realization of your effort, which is a consciousness of the very *substance* of harmony or Divine Faith.

FREEDOM TREATMENT

By DAVID

Behold I create a new Heaven and a new Earth, for the former things are passed away. I, even I, am lifted up into the great *I Am*—One forevermore! For there is no darkness in me, no doubt nor fear; the Light of Spirit is in all my being and *I am light!*

There is no limitation nor bondage in me more. I am free with the freedom of Spirit! Body, Soul, Spirit merged in the great *I Am*—lifted up, redeemed—*I see face to face!*

I recognize God in all expressions of life. I see God—Life—in the former experiences and see that it was Good, for then I saw as in a glass darkly, yet it was Life Infinite, cramped, thwarted, disguised—still Life—God, Good. Now freed, that Life soars and sings and glorifies the Father in every cell, in every thought. *There is none beside me!*

I see, I realize, oh, Infinite God! I bow before thy Omnipotence. I glory in thy Omnipresence. I rejoice in thy Omniscience. Humbly, gloriously, I recognize myself as thy child, and am caught up, never to be loosed, into complete and perfect *at-one-ment!*

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

—*Longfellow.*

"Be still, and know that I am God."

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THOUGHTS FOR DAILY MEDITATION

The following are the texts to be used by the Silent Unity workers at Kansas City, in their ten a. m. Silence, from November 15th to December 16th.

November 15th to November 30th.—Proverbs 16: 20-21: "He that giveth heed unto the word shall find good; And whoso trusteth in Jehovah, happy is he. The wise in heart shall be called prudent; and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning."

November 30th to December 16th.—James 1:25; 2:24: "He that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing. By works a man is justified and not only by faith."

We are full of these superstitions of sense, the worship of magnitude. God loveth not size; whale and minnow are of like dimension. But we call the poet inactive, because he is not a president, a merchant or a porter. We adore an institution, and do not see that it is founded on a thought which we have. But real action is in silent moments. The epochs of our life are not in the visible facts of a calling, our marriage, our acquisition of an office, and the like, but in a silent thought by the wayside as we walk; in a thought which revises our entire manner of life and says, "Thus hast thou done, but it were better thus." And all our after years, like menials, do serve and wait on this, and according to their ability do execute its will. This revisal or correction is a constant force, which, as a tendency, reaches through our lifetime.—*Emerson.*

No truth is established, as such to you or me, simply because someone else has spoken of it as true to him. Divinely true in itself it may be, still that something within us must say, "Amen," or it is only to us a vague idea.—*Living Words Series.*

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

WRITTEN TO TRUTH STUDENTS BY THE SOCIETY OF SILENT UNITY

All disease is the effect of error (sin) in mind. "Man has power on earth to forgive sins," that is, he has power to overcome evil with good and so change the effect. Neither God or spiritual Man, his Idea, is subject to erroneous conditions. It is necessary that man, in that he has built up a nature opposite to good, shall conform to certain lines of thought and understand and obey certain principles of Truth, applying them earnestly and confidently, in order to be an open channel through which God pours his fullness. The real of everything in the manifest world is the idea, and ideas belong to Mind and are eternal. Back of the lungs is a lung idea, and the Word of God brings forth the perfect lung idea, and lungs can never be destroyed; they only appear to be. When man realizes that all is Substance, God existent, he knows that everything is self-perpetuating and eternal. God's creations are all in ideas and his work is completed. His ideas are manifesting through man and when man rests in the consciousness of himself as a Son of God, he brings forth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

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"God is spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Truth is a Universal Principle, everywhere present, and we "know the Truth," when we have found our own indwelling Lord: have become conscious of Christ in us, the "hope of glory." You will remember that the first lesson brings out the difference between spiritual and intellectual understanding, and the overcomer is confronted with the command, "Choose ye this day whom thou shalt serve." "There is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Books, teachers, lectures are only outside applications until the Spirit of Truth is come, who guides into all Truth.

We do not teach reincarnation to be of Divine origin —we do not deny its existence as a fact, but as a reality. That which is real is of God, and God's divine idea man is perfect and always has been perfect. The true overcomer takes no cognizance of death, because it is darkness devoid of light. "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." Jesus came and taught the way of life—he came that we might have life and have it more abundantly; his teachings were all of life. He taught the at-one-ment (atonement), the unifying of the whole man, spirit, soul and body in Christ, and proved his teachings. His teachings are nearly all in the present tense, and "time" does not enter into the demonstration of eternal life—it depends on realization of absolute truth.

Reincarnation, as you say, explains many things, but why not teach people that sin is forgiven as they cease to sin, and the glorious liberation now. All cause is in mind; when error is erased from the mind by denials and truth established by affirmations, sin is forgiven—crossed out, and the man is alive in Christ and flesh-death and flesh-rebirth are at an end.

"Work out your own salvation" we are admonished. Then, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself." We do not comprehend perfection through looking upon imperfection; we do not become healthful through studying disease. We become like that which we continually hold in mind. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." It is always God's will that we express perfection, and when we become conscious of our own divinity we begin to see with the "eyes of God" and behold only the good. We cast out error by knowing its unreality, for it is only sustained by belief in it as a power.

All cause may not be in the conscious mind—we have the subconscious to deal with and it is the result of perhaps ages of mixed thoughts. But the subconscious can be redeemed and every thought brought into captivity to Christ —this is the atonement, as taught by Jesus. How many

lives I have lived has no bearing on my redemption now; when I am "born of the spirit," I am incarnated in Christ and the idea of putting off my complete salvation until some future age is forever sealed. Why continue in hard experience? Understanding forever cancels that task-master. Complete regeneration now is much more stimulating to greater expression of the God-self.

Every overcomer wants to be true to Truth. The important point with every truth student is to train himself to see with the "single eye." This does not mean that one is heartless or unloving, but it does mean that one becomes so charged with the power and presence of God that he radiates Truth unconsciously and the "hem of his garment" becomes a healing agency. Working from the *I Am* God-center is the more satisfactory way of life and the shorter route to perfection.

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You are wrong in thinking that the whole matter of healing can be explained in a few simple words. Healing in its broadest sense, includes the complete salvation of man; spirit, soul and body being included.

The Divine Law of healing cannot be explained in a few Bible texts. The Bible contains thousands of texts and they are all for the purpose of helping man to be made every whit whole and to be redeemed. Yet, to get any practical benefit from the Scriptures the same Holy Spirit that inspired the writers must inspire the readers.

Your request for us to tell in a few words the whole method of healing so that you can understand it fully, makes us think of the doctor who asked a lady teacher and healer to tell in a "nut shell" her method. She said to him, "You condense all your years of study and experience into a 'nut shell' and we will exchange shells."

We have been years studying the Truth in regard to healing and yet we feel that we are just beginning to understand. There are heights and depths to it that have not yet been opened up to us. It is not a kindergarten, but it enters

into the deepest proposition of life, and it requires application of mind to comprehend it. If you were taking up any line of study, you would expect to apply yourself and give it your time and thought. So in this study of Truth, the highest ever given to man, you must apply yourself to it with earnestness and industry.

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Mind is made up of ideas and everything that appears has back of it an idea. To comprehend the creation of the Almighty we must grasp the ideas of Divine Mind. In the beginning God created all things and gave man dominion over all creation. But since man has sinned, or fallen short of his original birthright, he has formed imperfect concepts of God's creations. Nature is the manifestation of God ideas, but man does not understand nature and has projected his error thoughts into the pure Substance. Nature is perfect or imperfect in the degree that man knows God. If he thinks God he will see only the perfect creation.

God's ideas in Nature are represented by the flowers, herbs, trees, grass and every growing thing. Man discerns these root ideas and they seem to emanate from his mind. The rose represents love; the olive, peace; the pansy, thoughts; the oak, hospitality; the cedar, strength; corn, riches; lily, purity; etc.

The spiritual and higher thoughts are represented by the birds. They express the melody and song of the soul, and are free to fly as they will. Each represents a thought, and is a different degree of unfoldment. The thrush represents harmony, praise; the sparrow, impulse; the robin, love; the bluebird, happiness. The crow and blackbird are thoughts that have not yet been enlightened.

The little stories about birds bring out their characteristics very clearly. "The Bluebird," "Who killed Cock Robin" and the story of the crow in "The Little White Bird," by Barrie. The latter is a good representation of the man who accumulates and saves up for a day of rest. He was called Solomon Caw because he was wise in the mortal mind. He lived in a tree on the bird island where thoughts

were born, and had saved in a stocking 180 crumbs, 34 nuts, 16 crusts, a pen wiper and a boot lace, and intended to retire from business when the stocking was full. This may seem funny, but as long as we are "anxious for the morrow," we will have crow thoughts. It is the blackbird and crow who steal the farmer's corn—it is not the robin or bluebird.

There are other thoughts not on the spiritual plane of consciousness. They are represented by the insects: Their music does not come from the within, but from the without. They, usually carry their instruments with them, and form an orchestra which is loud and piercing and yet harmonious. For example, the grasshopper's fiddle and bow are his small hard wings on his back and his long saw-like legs.

Man sees the animal kingdom in the light of his own mind and it reflects many imperfections. Man is the expression of God, perfect or imperfect according to his knowledge of God.

Three creations in nature are given to show man the secret of life. They are the ant, the bee and the butterfly.

The ant represents man in his mortal state of consciousness. Their order of government is in a way very similar to that of man. They have soldiers; fight in battles; make slaves of their weaker ones; have nurses to care for their young; eat flesh, fruits and vegetables; herd and care for the milkcows or aphides and use the honeydew for food. They are physically stronger than any other living creature of their size, carrying burdens many times their own weight; and they make their home in the ground, or in materiality.

The bee represents the Spirit of Truth. He lives a very orderly, systematic life with the queen bee for governor, or the mother of all life or Truth. The drone here represents law of wisdom, creative principle. The workers, the active Spirit of Truth in us which is ever busy gathering honey or the Truth from the very heart of the flowers of ideas, and building it into the hive of the body temple. The bee, like Jesus, lays down his life to show us the way.

If you go in opposition to the Spirit of Truth working in you, pain and sickness in the body is the result.

The butterfly represents the unfoldment of the soul. In the first stage it takes on ideas, or lives on leaves and flowers, and when it can take no more, it weaves about itself a protective mantle of silk, and seemingly rests a while; soon legs of understanding are formed and it frees itself and becomes a renewed inspiration in the soul. Then it realizes the light of the sun and Truth in Divine Mind.

Every thing represents a thought in man, and if we would redeem all things about us, so that the lamb can lie down with the lion, we must first redeem our thoughts and unify Spirit, soul and body. The narrative of Noah and the ark is a symbol of the cleansing, purifying and redeeming process going on in man. Noah the spiritual consciousness was told by God to build himself and his family (relative thoughts) an ark, a new body consciousness and put into it only the perfect of his creation; two of his kind. When this was accomplished a great cleansing, purifying flood of the Spirit came and destroyed all of man's imperfect thoughts of creation. This represents "the baptism of regeneration" in the individual.

So when man has lifted up and spiritualized his thoughts and ideas in the mind, he will redeem his body and all nature. The dove of peace will then bring to him the olive branch of peace, and the covenant that God made with man will be fulfilled; the promise that there shall be no more flood or overcoming through pain and suffering. Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free."

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Do not condemn your husband; be patient and lift him up. Man and woman went down together; they must go up together. The soul (woman) led the intellect (man) down; she must lead him up. When a woman realizes the importance of her work and the responsibility that rests upon her as the uplifting, inspiring power to man, she is in a mental attitude to take up her work with joy and success.

If the conscious mind were all there was to deal with, overcoming would be comparatively easy. But the subconscious has stored in it a lot of old habits of thoughts that are not good. The subconscious does not know anything except to do as it has been taught. The old thought habits are corrected by teaching the Truth from the superconscious or Christ Mind. This is why people see the Truth and talk it without being able yet to do it perfectly. The conscious gets it all right, but the subconscious has not yet received it.

In helping a man get free from the subconscious habits of lust, love and patience are the first things necessary on the part of the woman. Antagonism and resistance to the lust idea sometimes arouses it to a stubborn determination in man. Instead of meeting it on its own plane the woman should be careful to avoid this and make her appeal directly to the Higher Self of the man.

The life-forces should not be killed out by repression of the senses by the will power, but should be lifted up and redeemed, thus regenerating and spiritualizing the whole man, including the soul and body. Go into the Silence every day (in the evening before retiring if possible), center your attention within at the Life Center and declare words like these:

"I have no desire to waste this pure, spiritual life-substance in the gratification of the senses. I am Spirit and am satisfied with Spirit. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus makes me free from all bondage to mortal ideas of sex."

Hold the same thought for your husband, then lift your thought up to the Love Center and affirm the pure, unselfish love and declare that by your Word you lift up all your life-forces and transmute them into your body-substance. In your mind see the life flowing freely to every part of your body, strengthening, renewing, cleansing and refining your whole organism.

Perhaps your husband will join you in this, but anyway, you will establish yourself in the consciousness of your

Christ purity, and by abiding there in Spirit, making no outer resistance, then your husband's Higher Self will respond to your Higher Self and outer acts and conditions will gradually adjust themselves in harmony with your ideals.

Put your husband and all your interests positively in the care and keeping of the Spirit with a living faith that he is working to bring about the order and harmony and purity in the outer as well as in the inner. Rest in the assurance that the work is being done, knowing that it is "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts" that the good is accomplished. "Stand ye still and see the salvation of God."

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The body is carried in the mind as thought. When a part is removed, the thought keeps on thinking at the place where the absent member was. This is the reason your amputated limb still pains you.

The mind also remembers the shock which it felt when the nerves were severed, hence the pain. This body-thought that holds the flesh in place is temporal, and until it realizes the higher truth that the real body is spiritual, it continues to believe that it is subject to separation and loss of its members.

To change all this and relieve the mind of its erroneous concepts, declare and realize that your body is spiritual and indestructible and not subject to pain or injury of any kind.

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I am satisfied that infantile paralysis has a mental cause; what is it?—* * *

The fear of the loss of life has been revealed to us as the primal cause of the error mentioned. This fear is being intensified by the people at war in Europe. The soldiers in the trenches and the friends at home are generating the fear thought and it is filling the thought atmosphere of the whole race with its negations. The childish mentality being negative and receptive is more open to this fear current than the adult consciousness, hence children are its victims. New York suffered most from this fear thought because that city

is the open door to the multitude of thoughts and people who are constantly arriving from the war zone.

A positive trust in the One Life and an affirmation of its presence and power will set the life thought into action in quick time, and those who know and use the Divine Law need have no fear whatever of this dreaded malady.

The first step in the work of the metaphysician is to cast the various forms of fear, such as death, absence, loss, etc., out of the minds of the friends; then the work becomes easy in denying for the patient. Next affirm the presence of the One Mind as an *Omnipotent Life Force*, until the thought-ether fairly scintillates with the visible presence of God as life. "Speak the Word only and my servant shall be healed." The healer should set this consciousness of the One Life going in his own mind, then in the minds of friends and patient. Also concentrate your attention upon the *life center* in the little patient and declare that it is filled and thrilled with a mighty life flow that sends its healing currents to every part of the body. Keep this treatment up at intervals until the healing is complete.

Here are some of the words we use at this Center in treating this trouble:

"Thou art always present as the One Unfailing and Unending Life.

"Thou wert in the beginning, thou art now, and ever shall be, the one and only Energy and Force that moves to action man and the universe.

"Our minds and bodies are now alive with Thy Life consciousness—the same that Jesus had, and *ever continues* to have, and we proclaim with him to you, 'I came that they may have life, and may have it *abundantly*.' "

Close the treatment with a conscious trust in the abiding in mind and body of the Lord of Life.

We do not always give our prayers in these exact words, but follow the line of thought suggested by the statements. The healing is brought about by setting up in the mind of the patient a *consciousness* of restored life in the body. This brings about a restoration of nerve energy

and every function finally responds to the natural harmony of soul and body.

To make this treatment effective no drugs or artificial methods for the restoration of life should be resorted to. This applies especially to the injection of serums. When the natural fluids of the organism are loaded up with foreign matter, never designed by a wise Creator, a direct impediment to the natural circulation is imposed, and its elimination is sometimes a serious problem. Trust God and declare his presence and power as the dispenser and regulator of the One Life, and you will never fail in your demonstration.

"If I knew you and you knew me —
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness;
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree
If I knew you and you knew me."

WORDS OF CHEER

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed.
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.
—*Psalms* 46:1-3.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:
Because he trusteth in thee.
Trust ye the Lord forever:
For in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.
—*Isaiah* 26:2-4.

FEAR ye not; stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show you this day.

DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE LAW

This department is in fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, "These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."—Mark 16:17, 18.

God's will for his children is perfection, and Jesus emphasized this goal in his teaching. Health is the keynote of harmony in man's body and affairs, and for this reason the awakened soul seeks to apply his understanding of Truth to this attainment. One who has found the Christ within, the real source of all Good, no longer looks without for something to cleanse him from all impurities and inharmony, but relies upon the indwelling Lord for his redemption and transformation. Men and women everywhere are demonstrating as never before that God is the health of his people; that through understanding Divine Law and conforming their thoughts to the principles involved they are quickened, strengthened and renewed both in body and affairs.

As evidence of this, we print each month in this magazine extracts from letters of correspondents who have demonstrated the power of the Spirit to harmonize and make whole. Following are extracts from letters received recently:

HEALTH

Coshocton, Ohio—About the first week in August I wrote you, requesting prayers for my wife who had been bedfast for two weeks with uterine hemorrhage. We had two doctors, and they told us that a surgical operation was necessary, and that she would never be any better until she was operated on. At this I wrote to you for help. About the time my letter reached you, judging from the time mail should arrive there from here, the hemorrhage ceased entirely, and my dear wife is now strong and well. We give

you people, as instruments of God, all credit and glory.—*F. H.*

Denver, Colo.—Since telegraphing you to pray for my dear mother for what we feared might develop in paralysis, she has steadily improved, and not a trace of numbness appears in her body, for which we thank and praise our loving Father, and you for your faithful work.—*G. R.*

San Diego, Cal.—I am very glad to report the condition of my daughter, Elizabeth and baby. I can truthfully say that she is healed of the disease which medical science called incurable, and the dear baby is perfect in every way. Now, is this not proof of God's care? Praise God and Unity for all the good that has come to us through the understanding of the Truth.—*H. L. G.*

Council Grove, Kans.—When I wrote you to pray for my husband, he was very sick. He had kidney and bladder trouble, then typhoid developed. He began to improve at once after I wrote you. He is now up and almost well.—*Mrs. A. C. S.*

Washington, Pa.—I must tell you that my daughter has gained eight pounds since the middle of July, and she is looking and feeling so much better in every way. We often say that all our inharmonies have been a blessing to us, for they have brought us into contact with Unity friends and this new life in Christ. We now realize who Christ is, and where he dwells, and how to trust him for our health and all our needs. We can now say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."—*Mrs. S. C. C.*

Amherst, Mass.—I had no sooner mailed my letter to you three weeks ago than I began to feel free from fear, and calm in my mind. Very soon a trouble that I had been having with my eye left me.—*E. H. N.*

Duluth, Minn.—On last Monday I wrote to you about a case of infantile paralysis, and so far no new cases have developed. On Sunday, Elizabeth, the child in question, was helpless from the waist down. Today she can move both legs and I know that in a few days Elizabeth will be a merry little lass as she has always been. Her case is the wonder of the city.—*L. H. N.*

St. Louis, Mo.—About a year ago I asked for your prayers to regain my health. Since then I have changed wonderfully; thanks to the Father for all his blessings which I have received through your kindness. I freely and openly confess that through Unity I have been helped to lead a better and purer life, and have been awakened to the

greater Truths which formerly I could not grasp.—*A. H.*

Los Angeles, Cal.—On Friday as I awoke in the morning I had the greatest realization of the Divine Presence and Power. Now the prayers are held with more power and of course are productive of greater good. My stomach and bowels were swollen, but are now very much reduced, and my throat gives me no more trouble. My broken down insteps are so improved that I walked six or seven blocks one day and experienced no ill effects. I am well and I am full of praise to God, and to Silent Unity for all the blessings I have received.—*Mrs. A. G. S.*

Spokane, Wash.—I have had such beautiful results for my daughter who lost her mind completely for over six months, but has been fully restored through the Holy Spirit and your prayers.—*C. G. C.*

White Pine, Mont.—I was suffering with an internal trouble that seemed to me was a tumor, but I did not know, as I never consult a doctor. One night about two o'clock I awoke suffering intensely. It seemed there was something as large as my head, and the first thought was that I would have to have an operation. In an instant I thought, no, I will go to a higher power than the doctors and I concentrated and prayed for perhaps a half hour, when I got easy and felt the healing power of the Spirit in my body. I gave thanks and praised God for his goodness, and went to sleep. When I awoke in the morning I felt perfectly well, and so happy and light.—*Mrs. E. B.*

St. Louis, Mo.—Please discontinue prayers for me as the eye trouble has entirely disappeared. I am praising the Lord, and thanking you heartily for your kind cooperation.—*T. J. K.*

San Pedro, Cal.—I am so glad to tell you that your prayers in regard to my husband and mother and myself have been fulfilled and answered by the power of Almighty God. We are all well, praise God! My husband was very ill. I know you had hardly more than received the letter with my request when my husband got out of bed a well man. Oh! how sweet to know one has such a tender loving Father to go to, and dear ones to help pray for us by a simple request. My dear mother is nearly 70 years of age, and is stronger and in better health than for several years past.—*A. S.*

Detroit, Mich.—Your letter with its life message is received, and as I read the glad tidings which those words carry they make me look more within and pray for a better

understanding, for wisdom to know myself. In the afternoon following the morning I received your letter all pain left my body, and I felt as though I had been lifted, as it were into a new world. At times the error thought tries to come back, but I affirm the Truth and it vanishes.—*Mrs. J. P.*

Minneapolis, Minn.—Thanks be to God, and to your ministry, the pyorrhea has disappeared. I am trying to realize the unity of life and do something each day toward helping humanity, aside from my regular study and silent work. I know that my husband is being led in the right way, too.—*F. F. M.*

Hill City, Kans.—I cannot find words to express my appreciation of your great help in the speedy recovery of my brother Frank, who was so seriously hurt in a runaway accident. My father writes it is a miracle. The doctor thought he stood no show of recovery. He has been to the hospital a little less than two weeks, and is now able to go home. His eye is saved, praise God!—*G. D. H.*

Fort Smith, Ark.—I wrote you on Tuesday for prayers for my husband who had a chill and high fever. As I work in the afternoon downtown, he phoned me that he would go to my mother's house. I went on to my work and late in the afternoon my husband became so sick my mother phoned for the doctor. He came in and looked at my husband and said, "G. you are in for a spell of fever." Later the doctor brought us to our home in his machine, gave my husband something for the fever and a few capsules. I phoned him the next morning that my husband had gone to work and he was astonished and said he would be sure to get worse. My husband said that about 1:30 that afternoon he felt a decided change all over, and he knew that it was Unity who had helped him. I have not heard from the Silent Unity since I wrote you, but I feel sure you must have gotten my letter, and spoken the Word. May God bless you and your good work.—*Mrs. G. F. P.*

Wichita, Kans.—My mother wrote for your prayers for me last fall, and in the last part of November the healing was perfect, and I have been well and harmonious in every way since. I express my gratitude to God for my blessings, and thankfulness to the Society of Silent Unity.—*H. M.*

Lordsburg, Cal.—On Wednesday evening at our regular Silence period, I realized a perfect healing. I was unable to walk for a few days without the help of someone. After asking for prayers from you I am happy to say I am now entirely whole. To say the most is to say the least of

a claim—as it is only giving error power to live in one's consciousness, and we should thank the Father to free us from all mistakes. My earnest desire is that I may grow more spiritual every moment.—*Mrs. H. K. L.*

Elyria, Ohio—Please discontinue the prayers for my daughter. She was never better in her life, and I am giving thanks and praising God. My richest blessings on Unity.—*Mrs. G. H. L.*

Bellingham, Wash.—Four weeks ago tomorrow my son gave up material remedies and consented to try Unity, and requested me to write to you. At that time he had been trying for three months with doctor's treatments, and material remedies to reduce a growth on his neck. He had tried everything but the knife, and had been advised that that was the only thing left for him to do. Out of respect for my wishes as much as anything, he decided to try Unity first, and the very next day after I wrote the letter to you he noticed a change. It was a little softer, and grew softer every day for three weeks when it opened of its own accord, discharging a kind of bloody matter. It has been slowly discharging now nearly a week, and the bunch has nearly disappeared, and he has gone to work. All that time it has never pained him, which is marvelous to those who do not understand Truth.—*Mrs. N. E. R.*

Cedar Rapids, Iowa—I wrote asking you for prayers for rheumatism of which I am entirely cured, and I thank God and Unity for my happiness and my health. My husband's temper is much improved. Unity is a God-send to discouraged people.—*Mrs. V. O.*

Pittsburg, Kans.—I am entirely cured of kidney trouble and constipation, and there is not the slightest pain or soreness in my side for the first time in fifteen years. I have been feeling well for several weeks, and I have not taken any medicine since writing to you for prayers. I have just about quit drinking coffee and eating meat without any effort on my part. I am sure it is through the direction of the Spirit, and I am so thankful to God and Unity for peace and harmony in our home, and for the many blessings we have received.—*Mrs. S. W.*

San Anselmo, Cal.—Your prayers for both my husband and myself have brought good results. Mr. Y. has not had a recurrence of the terrible neuralgic pains in his head for nearly four months, and we feel that they will not come again. He has again taken up the Truth readings, and is becoming more engrossed in it all the time.—*E. Y.*

Bliss, Idaho—I think this has been a good demonstration of the Truth, as the burned foot has healed in less than half the time it would have taken and the child has been so good and got along so well. The doctor who dressed the foot said he never saw such healing. He could hardly believe it possible. We have had many demonstrations in our family and we know all things are possible with God.—*Mrs. G. D. M.*

Dallas, Texas—My little son is up and is on his way to recovery. He never had but two light hemorrhages after I wrote you. I had four doctors with him and all said that he could not live but a short time. It is a surprise and wonder to everybody that he is up. Everybody asks how it can be, and we reply that it was God's work, not the doctors'.—*Mrs. N. H.*

Huntingburg, Ind.—Please find inclosed a love-offering from my son for whom you prayed. The healing was perfect and without any pain during the time he was unable to work. The third day the attending doctor remarked that the healing of the fingers was excellent. P. replied, "Yes, the dear Unity people and my father are speaking healing words of Truth for me." The doctor did not dare to take off the third finger, and now that finger is whole, and to the doctor's great surprise there are some new nails growing on the amputated members, although they are cut off at the second joint. I join him in giving thanks to God for his loving kindness and help, and to the dear Unity in responding so promptly. God bless you all.—*K. N.*

Des Moines, Iowa—I cannot tell in words the praise that I feel to God and Unity for what has been done and what is still being done for me and my home. My back is so much better and I can do work that I never thought I would be able to do again. I praise God continually for all these blessings.—*Mrs. N. M.*

Camden, N. J.—I was alone in my room when a wonderful change came over me and all pain and swelling disappeared. There came into my mind the understanding that God had healed me through your devoted prayers. I am most thankful.—*M. E. M.*

Lebanon, Pa.—You have very kindly taken care of my mother for a month and helped her through a very serious illness and we are very grateful to you. My mother, who is decidedly orthodox, is taking a great interest in your literature, and she seems to want to tell how she was healed. She says she believes that she would have passed away if I

had not telegraphed you for prayers. There is nothing that strengthens my faith so much as to read the testimonials; that is the first thing I read when the magazine comes. It shows how necessary it is for all of us to return and give thanks.—*R. U. T.*

San Francisco, Cal.—I am now free from any rheumatic ailments and broken health which had bothered me for years. I am finding much benefit spiritually and financially. I demonstrated a good position. I thank God and Truth for abundance received.—*M. S.*

Lincoln, Ill.—On July 2, I became ill with lung trouble, and my physician had given up all hopes of my recovery. He said that I had consumption, so a friend wrote to you for me, and since I have read your books I am now able to work. Praise the Lord!—*Mrs. I. S.*

Lincoln, Nebr.—I received the All-Powerful Word of Truth you sent. It has completely restored my eye. How I praise God for his merciful kindness. I am abiding in love. I am holding the thought you sent and it is blessing me. I will be faithful to the new consciousness awakening within me and keep it growing.—*R. P.*

Gretna, La.—A short while ago I wrote you asking prayers in regard to a tumor and kidney and bladder trouble. My letter, I am sure reached you on Monday, and on Tuesday the tumor began to pass. I am thankful to our heavenly Father that he has cured me and I know there is nothing impossible to those who have faith in him. Praise His name!—*E. D.*

Sedan, Mexico—I am now free from old chronic diseases (which all honest doctors that I talked with called incurable). The last one to disappear was rheumatism. I first felt this disease in the fall of 1867, and have been particularly annoyed with it the past twenty years. Sometimes I could not walk, and at all times I was feeling out of sorts, but thanks to the merciful Father, I feel like a boy now. I can run a boat race, and instead of calling up the boys to run things into the corral I do it myself, if I am around when such things are needed. I have decided to devote a goodly part of my life work to spreading Unity literature and thereby help the cause that Unity represents.—*M. L. S.*

Valona, Ga.—My daughter, for whom I asked your prayers, has not had convulsions in several months. My sister wishes me to thank you, as she is so much better. Others for whom you have prayed have given up drinking

and are enjoying prosperity. God bless Unity.—*Mrs. G. E. A.*

Albert Lea, Minn.—I sent you a telegram last Monday night at one o'clock asking you to pray for my little daughter for cholera infantum. Within an hour she was quiet and asleep. The next day she slept most of the time and seemed so quiet and peaceful. Her trouble disappeared in about two days and we are now beginning to feed her simple foods, and she looks well.—*Mrs. C. D.*

Rochester, N. Y.—Some time ago my husband sent a telegram asking for help for hemorrhage of the womb. At that time I was very weak from loss of blood, but that same night the bleeding stopped and I gradually have gained my strength again and I am perfectly well and strong. We are most thankful.—*Mrs. C. P.*

Nashville, Tenn.—I want to tell you of the wonderful improvement in my sister. I wrote you that her face and neck were in such a condition that it made me feel sick to look at it. I wrote to you on Thursday, and that day, in trying to help her, I got a direct thought: "Your flesh and your blood expresses God's purity." Thursday night we had a wonderful power at our healing meeting at which time I gave my sister's name for help. I kept holding the thought received from you and when I went home at noon Saturday, all the sores were gone and a new skin over all the places. They were red for a few days, but are about gone now. We are working for complete purity for her whole body. I want to thank you for answering and giving me the thought so quickly. My cold is entirely gone. I have been praying for myself for purity for two years and my periods have not made their appearance for a year. My skin looks very clear, and many people tell me how well I look. A man said to me yesterday, "You must be in perfect health, for I never saw such a complexion."—*F. W. F.*

Carlos City, Ind.—You have helped me out of my delusions, and helped me to be restored to health and happiness. My crippled foot is healed and my paralysis is gone. I am so thankful and glad.—*J. S. G.*

Nutley, N. J.—I want to thank you for the help you have been to me in this time of severe trial. Had it not been for your prayers and this religion I could not have stood it. My husband's condition is improving. Since Sunday he had been in a semi-conscious condition. Yesterday he began perspiring, kept it up all night. This morning he awoke at seven and asked to see me—the first time he had spoken

for days. He has passed the crisis, and I give thanks unto God and Unity.—*E. L. C.*

Minneapolis, Minn.—My husband and I have experienced a number of active demonstrations. I can see the hand of God so plainly working in our affairs. My voice is very rested and I am feeling so positive and rested. My husband has not mentioned his wrist for some weeks, and we are reading "Christian Healing" together. Praise God for all his goodness.—*B. G. B.*

Centralia, Mo.—I wrote you on last Sunday to pray for my three-year-old baby for summer complaint. The physician thought the child could not live, for she had been unconscious for several days. However, she has now regained consciousness and improved in many ways. Praise God!—*M. W.*

PROSPERITY

Sacramento, Cal.—Two weeks ago I sent you twenty-five cents out of thirty-five (all that I then possessed.) This was the first I ever sent as an offering, because I did not know how to let go of the little I had, thinking of the many places where it was neded in the home, and binding myself of course with the thought that there was no more in sight, which is strictly against Truth's teaching. Well, I did trust that one time, and before I slept at night I was in possession of thirty-one dollars, and since then have paid up nearly every cent that I owe. I give thanks for abundance in all things.—*Mrs. L. P.*

Covina, Cal.—I write this in the fullness of my heart to thank you for your prayers in behalf of myself and wife. I asked prayers for prosperity and a few days later I received information from home that I would get a satisfactory settlement early in October for property I sold several years ago and had been having trouble about closing up. It will now come out all right. I am now finding sale for my product from my place here, and before writing you I could not sell at all. In many ways I see the hand of the Lord, and we pour out our thanks to him for it all.—*J. B.*

Hyde Park, St. George's, Grenada, B. W. I.—I want to tell you of a wonderful demonstration of prosperity that I have had. I began pouring the prosperity prayer, "I pour into you the bounty of God, my Father, who supplies all my wants," from one of your booklets into my pocketbook. I saw it full of money, and I paid my debts

and left a balance in the purse. I did this for three or four days regularly, repeating the prayer each time. On the fifth day the managers of our Home Industries came in and gave me several orders for work, which, when filled, were better paid than any work I had done before for anyone, and better still they were no sooner displayed than they sold off at a good profit, whereupon another set of orders were sent to me. I have paid off many debts lately, and there will be no trouble or worry this year. Thank God for his mercies, and God bless you for your help. I told a friend to use the prayer, and she has reported instant help and success. I shall pass it on to others.—*M. R.*

Portland, Texas—This has been a helpful month in many ways. I can see much advancement in my mental grasp and understanding, and both my husband and son had a raise in their respective salaries entirely unsolicited and unexpected. However, it is not the amount of the increase that seemed the most wonderful to me, but it was the triumph of the principle that caused such thanksgiving.—*Mrs. F. S.*

Los Angeles, Cal.—Soon after writing you our lot was sold. We had wanted to sell it for ever so long. I think now that my husband realizes that it was through your help that it was accomplished, and I know it. It seems that we have passed the trying times that surrounded us for so long, though we have always had many blessings for which to be thankful.—*P. B. C.*

Casa Verdago, Cal.—We are glad to report to you the evidences of prosperity, as the results of your prayers in our behalf. It is sweet to realize that the kingdom of heaven is so strongly anchored in consciousness with you dear people, and too, that all are one in the All-Pervading Spirit of Sustenance and Plenty. I have not enjoyed such good health in many years, as I have since writing you last March for help. We are grateful for your kind ministrations and to the Giver of all good for our many blessings.—*Mrs. J. P.*

St. Louis, Mo.—I wrote you less than one week ago for prayers for prosperity, and for my eyes. There has not been time for your reply, but I have rented the flat that has been vacant for a year. I feel so pleased that I wish to acknowledge it. Praise God for his goodness!—*M. R. J.*

E. Northfield, Mass.—Two days after I wrote you asking for prayers in regard to my scholarship I was informed that it was paid. I am so thankful for the wonderful help that I have received, and I am striving each day to live the life of Truth.—*E. T.*

Fair Haven, N. J.—I have been blessed in a manner that far exceeded my expectations. How very true did I find your directions that "Before one asks the Great Spirit of the Universe, the desire has already been fulfilled." I was financially embarrased and worried to an alarming degree, as my long summer illness had reduced me to dire poverty and I was living upon the Christian charity of my few friends. Much to my surprise, and following out an idea which came into my mind, I wrote to several persons who had been indebted to me for some years past, and from whom I expected nothing. I received money from two of the three just when I needed it most. They have further promised to settle up their accounts very soon. I know that they will and this will help me upon my feet again. I praise God for marked improvement in my mind and body and for the Spirit which is within me.—*M. W. F. D.*

Winnipeg, Man.—Just after my last letter from you a lady came in and engaged rooms for herself and daughter, which lifted heavy burdens from me. The landlord came in to say he would fix the furnace and take $15 less per month on the rent. I also rented a small cottage for $10 per month for the winter, which was really all unexpected indeed. God bless Unity for its Prosperity Bank system. —*H. S. L.*

St. Louis, Mo.—I called upon my friend, Mrs. K. to see how her affairs were progressing. Before I sent your book to her the family was simply starving. The father left her with seven children, and only one boy working, and he making about $5 a week. The mother was very weak and heart-broken and could not get work until your Society prayed for her. Immediately she found a place and her boy received a raise, and her husband came back and gave her enough money to pay the rent. Now the mother is sure that she shall never give up again, as through her seeming misfortunes she learned of the Truth, and shall, with the help of God, never let it out of her mind. As to myself, I have never had a lesson like it in all my life. It is all so beautiful; not only prosperity, but the joy and happiness of it. Everyone who owed us paid and I had plenty of work. My husband had a better summer than he had last year. For all this we thank you for leading us in the true law of God. Our children have been vitally helped in their school work, and have made better grades than they ever did before. It would be impossible for me to enumerate the many wonderful things that have come to me and mine through

this All-Providing Law. Praise God, and all of you.—*Mrs. D. W.*

Chicago, Ill.—Some weeks ago I wrote you asking prayers for my family. We were running behind in everything. I felt as though we would soon be ashamed to meet anyone. We had nothing but bills and disappointments. No sooner had I dropped my letter in the mail box than I met my boy and he said, "Mamma, I have a position, and a good one." From that time on it seems everything has come to us. I wish every friend I have could know that God is our supply, and that through sincere prayer every need is fulfilled. I feel so thankful to our Father and to you for my faith in God's law of abundance.—*Mrs. R. E. F.*

FREEDOM

Cheraw, Colorado—When I wrote you I was certainly in a terrible state of mind. I directly was able to sleep, and the painful feeling of fear entirely left me. When my finances became very low I received money from wholly unexpected sources. I was at first tempted to return it, but remembered, that perhaps this was one more lesson for me to learn, though it was a hard one—receiving. So I kept it and gave thanks. My husband is not so antagonistic to Truth as formerly. In fact, he is beginning to investigate some for himself.—*Mrs. W. K. G.*

Marysville, Cal.—I have been able to stop drinking coffee and eating meat, for which I am so thankful.—*Mrs B. M.*

Washington, D. C.—The affairs of Mrs. S., about whom I wrote you a month ago, are straightening out. It looked as though the mortgage on her house would certainly be foreclosed as all efforts to have it taken over for her had failed, and it was only within two days of the final foreclosure that a man in New York whom she had never seen or heard of, sent word he would take over the mortgage and she could hold the house in her name and have the opportunity to sell at a good price later on. You can imagine the rejoicing at this eleventh hour deliverance. She has a good tenant in the house whose rent pays the interest on her mortgage. I told her if she could straighten out her false mental attitudes and get right, her outside conditions would be sure to come right.—*Mrs. C. V.*

Nashville, Tenn.—I write to thank you for your prayers for my son. He has quit drinking, secured a place

to work and is doing fine. I feel that I owe it all to God and Unity.—*Mrs. G. R. K.*

Doyle, Cal.—I received your kind letter yesterday and feel that I want to tell you about what I consider a wonderful demonstration. A few days ago my little daughter came home from school almost broken-hearted because she had missed several words in spelling, and the next morning she worried over it until she almost had hysterics and she started out on a long walk to school, crying as she went. I told her she would get 100 in spelling, and she said, "No mamma, I cannot. It is too hard for me." As soon as she left, I went to her bed and knelt in prayer. I asked God to lift the burden of sorrow and doubt from her heart; to make her happy and to give her the power to learn her lessons well. When I arose to my feet my heart was light for I knew God had heard and would answer. You should have seen her face in the evening when she came running to my open arms. "Oh! mamma, I got a 100 today, and have been so happy." Then I told her how it had all come about, and we are so thankful to our Father and to the Unity School for teaching us this way. I am growing in understanding and am trying to develop my mental attitude toward health and prosperity. Since having the Prosperity Bank, finances have been improving for us.—*Mrs. J. J. C.*

Harvard, Neb.—I am glad to be able to write you that through your prayers I have been made free and whole. I praise God for his goodness to me; I thank you for your prayers and may God bless you in your efforts to help others to live a better life.—*O. C. C.*

"BE YE TRANSFORMED"

Schenectady, N. Y.—Before I had an answer to my letter asking for prayers for M. that her ideals might be high, there was such a change in her. She is so sweet and considerate and full of the ideals which she is often expressing. This is all so wonderful. My heart is so full of praise to God, and to you who have so improved our lives.—C. C.

Baltimore, Md.—It has been more than two months since I wrote you for prayers. At that time I was a miserable invalid and wretched in mind and body. Now I am renewed in every way and am happy in the return of health. The realization of the indwelling Father has filled me with joy and renewed strength. I thank you for your ministrations in my behalf. May God prosper the wonderful work

you are doing in helping to show those who seek him the wonders of his love. I am inclosing an offering to be used as you see fit.—*Mrs. H. C.*

Houston, Texas—I had been reading the monthly UNITY which my father takes, and in the testimonials I often read that the day you were written to for help it came, even though you had not received the letter, and I wondered how it could be possible, and yet that experience came to me immediately after I had written you. My fears began to subside, and the words that I found in the little pamphlet you sent yesterday, "Be still and know that I Am God," came to me all day and my boy who had been off from home a day and night came back and said that was his last trip with the crowd. He has been like a new person ever since, and every morning as I watch him leave for his work looking so like the man that he should be, I lift up my heart in gratitude to God and you dear people for the help you have given me. I want to thank you for the pamphlet, "Loose Him and Let Him Go." It has shown me how I have "hindered" those I love so much. My father says through reading your UNITY and other books which he secured through you, that he has been entirely freed from the poverty thought and does not worry like he did a few months ago. Surely God is blessing you in enabling you to lift the burdens of the oppressed.—*Mrs. M. T. D.*

Phoenix, Ariz.—It was last February when I first came into possession of two old books of Unity. I wrote for prayers for my wife and daughter's health, and my wife's mind. They both have recovered their health and my wife's mind is fully restored. As for myself I never enjoyed such prosperity and spirituality. There was a short time when in spite of all affirmations it seemed as if I got no relief, for my head, neck, stomach and back all hurt at once and kept at it until I received a copy of "Lessons in Truth," and learned that it was the old mortal man resisting. I said to the old mortal man, "God is with me and he is All-Powerful. You can do me no harm," and I immediately won all victories. It is glorious and I can never thank you enough, but the Father can. Praise his Holy Name. —*E. H. W.*

Ontario, Canada—It is now nearly nine months since I broke up home in Vancouver and came East. During this time there has been gradually rising a new and greater consciousness of Life. Now there seems to be a great development at hand, and I am daily proclaiming its manifestation.

I thank you for your helpful counsel. It has ever been the Word in season. You will be glad to learn that everything has been as you declared. You have been interested in watching Christ form in me, so I demanded it to manifest in a youthful body. The consequence is that all summer my age has been guessed six to seven years younger. There are days when I am alive in the Word, or after much meditation I am easily twelve years younger in appearance. It is a wonderful leading of the Spirit. I can only compare it to the voice in a desert calling to the lost, telling of cooling drinks and restful shades so near, and yet so far, unless one sees or hears.—C. *L. W.*

Woodstock, Ill.—What you have done for me, through God's help, has been truly marvelous, and I have experienced more peace of mind and more comfort has come into my life than I have known since my dear mother passed on a year ago; also my fiance who died suddenly last May, leaving me absolutely alone in the world without family or friends. It seemed that I could not bear my burden much longer, my sorrow almost crushing me, but since UNITY came to me I have been greatly blessed. I am gaining strength daily to banish sorrowful, lonely and discouraging thoughts. I have always been a great believer in prayer, and I know that "All things are possible with God," and I also believe that "Thou, O God, art my Mighty Resource, and I trust and believe in thy unfailing bounty," for in some way or other the Lord will provide. On July 12th I wrote you, asking among other things that a certain violin highly prized by me because of having belonged to my fiance, and some money due me, be recovered. To my great joy I received word the following Monday that I could have the violin upon payment of the amount I had already offered. I received the money. I thank God for this help through your prayers.—*C. W.*

Portland, Ore.—I know now what you meant by your first words in a letter which were: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts, Be thou whole." Before your letter reached me the light of understanding was made manifest in me, and I praise God fully! I had attended a Truth sermon one evening and the following morning I took my Bible and began to read with understanding, and the light and beauty and power of the dear Lord was all about me, and then I knew where to find my Lord. I am so thankful always that I know such a wonderful thing.—*Mrs. U. S.*

PERSONAL TALKS WITH UNIDENTIFIED CORRESPONDENTS

Letters bearing no signature continue to come in to the various departments of the Unity School of Christianity. Silent Unity Department, which devotes itself to the ministry of teaching and healing, receives many of these letters. In many instances it is evident that the writers have neglected to sign their names. In cases of this kind we give attention to your request for our ministry and you may know that as you have asked, you will receive, but do not be disappointed if you get no reply to your letter. Every letter that comes into this department is given prayerful attention and answered at the earliest possible moment, and unless there is a miscarriage of mail, or a failure to sign your name, you will receive a reply.

The Silent Unity Department was never so well equipped as now to handle its constantly increasing correspondence, and you may reasonably expect an early reply to your letters. However, when writing requesting prayers, if you will include only matters pertaining to this department it will greatly eliminate delays. You may inclose letters to various departments in the same envelope, but write each matter on a separate sheet of paper. This is a service to both yourself and our departments.

The Correspondence School Department is also in receipt of requests for lessons, no signature being on the letters. In one instance they have three requests from one party, none of them being signed. It is impossible to reciprocate in instances of these kind.

Occasionally the Silent Unity Department receives an appeal for spiritual aid from people who do not care to sign their names. We wish to assure you that your appeal is not in vain and we speak the word for you in your distress of mind and affairs. "It is not the will of your Father, who is in heaven [in harmony] that one of these little ones should perish."

God's will is always to express perfection, in Truth, is

perfection, and man is the outlet through which this perfect harmony is established in the earth. If you have done a moral wrong, though "unwillfully," you have transgressed the law of harmony, and suffer through ignorance as keenly as through willful wrong doing. "Man has power on earth to forgive sins," taught Jesus. Sin is forgiven when we cease to sin, so only by changing our attitude of mind (thought) can we set into operation a new and harmonious cause. God, being all good, does not judge you—man creates his own judgment by his words and acts. Only by doing the right thing by yourself and others can you find happiness. No one needs to be told what is the right thing to do in any particular case, if he is desiring to do it, for the Spirit within prompts us all and conscience tells us when we do wrong. It may seem contrary to your judgment and reasoning, but by following the real course of honor, you will attain to greater heights and more happiness, than if you take the "short cut" out of your trouble. Love, honor, respect, kindness, and all the other avenues of ordinary expression between man and man are always operating for your good. It is only when you go contrary to them that you make acquaintance with despair and remorse and their kindred.

It is never a question as to what people think, but what we do, that makes or mars our lives. Do not think that God, in some miraculous manner, is going to swoop down upon you and lift you out of your trouble. God within is activity without. Do the first thing that lies at your hand to do, knowing that God leads you into that which is for the highest good—only as you mount heavenward through kindly deeds are you recognized of the Father.

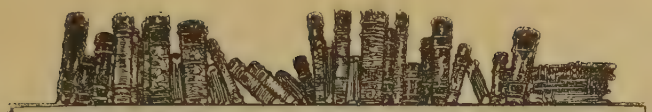
"Discouragement is the chief tool of the devil." Take stock of what you have and then compare with less fortunate people—you will soon begin to count your blessings. With talent, ability and a desire to succeed begin right where you are. Remember that anyone can "end a useless existence," but it takes a staunch soul to pick up the remnants and move on to untried heights. The joy of conquering is ample rec-

ompense. Everybody, rich and poor alike, come to the place through suffering or misfortune where they cry out for something to heal the wounds, unless they have remembered their Creator in "the days of their youth." The period of distress is the culmination of self, the fall that follows a life lived apart from God. Oh, we may think we are righteous and good, but *knowing* that we are is a different thing. Jesus reached the heights that man is to climb. How far on the upward journey are you? That is the important point in all living, and includes all else. The kingdom of harmony first and the "things of the world next" is their true order. A "lie" has no power to hurt, only as you give it power by your thoughts. You can so radiate Truth that every obstacle will disappear at your approach. This has been the experience of many who were cast down and forced to come to themselves and return to the "Father's House." It is the return of the Prodigal repentant that wins the Father's heart.

Forgiveness is the first step—there is no success, peace or happiness with "revenge" as an incentive. A bitter tree cannot bring forth good fruit, and you cannot gather grapes of thistles. "Like begets like," and "everything brings forth after its kind." Everything in our lives is under law and order. Whatever comes, whether pleasant or unpleasant, has been brought into expression by our thoughts. When we learn this we realize our position as a creator. Man is spiritual and has the same nature as the Father (God is Spirit) and brings forth his world in harmony or discord, according to his thought. This is glorious, good news, for it fills us with the conviction that we can bring forth the world we desire and can begin now to work out our salvation (freedom). This is the peaceful, satisfactory way of Life.

"Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed; for Jehovah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

"Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday, and it never happened."



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A STATEMENT BY THE EDITOR

There is almost a panic among publishers over the tremendous advance in cost of paper. Some are increasing the price of subscriptions and others are going out of business. UNITY is numbered among those who will be called upon to meet a large additional expense, amounting approximately to $10,000 during the coming year. How to provide for this seems a problem, but we know it will be solved by the Divine Resource, which provides a way to meet every need.

The easy way to overcome this additional cost of publishing UNITY would be to advance the subscription price to $1.50 per year. But this does not appeal to us. The Truth taught in UNITY is worth far more than $1.00 per year. That price has been agreed upon to meet the demands of man-made law, but it does not limit or measure the value set upon it by those who understand the Truth.

We believe that this is an opportunity for our members to demonstrate the law of giving and receiving. Suppose each of you should make a covenant with the Lord to send UNITY a cash equivalent for the good that has come into your lives through following its teaching. Then send us what you would have willingly paid for the benefits you have received. If all our readers will do this we shall have plenty to pay the extra $10,000.

Some people make it a rule of their lives to get all they can and pay as little for it as possible. But the law of the universe is very exact in this matter of getting something for nothing, and it is inexorable in its demand of an equivalent for everything it gives. If anyone thinks he has driven a sharp bargain and gotten a thing for less than it is worth he should pause in his exultation and consider this

law. It is very exacting and we all find that we must sooner or later come under its equity.

Then let us be just, let us be honest, and covenant with our Lord to give value received, so far as we know, for everything we get. Then we shall save ourselves from the vengeance of the Law and bring peace of mind, health of body and prosperity into our lives.

This Divine Law of equilibrium in the universe balances all substance in its invisible scales, whether it be a planet or a thought of man. If you have received good from anyone, you will throw the Universal Law out of balance unless you do good to someone in return. Let us apply this Law to the effect UNITY literature has had in your life. Has it brought good to you? Then what have you done in passing that good on to others? There are many ways in which you can do this. You can send UNITY to a friend who needs it. You can tell other friends how much good it has done you, and ask them to subscribe. In this way you can square up your account with the Divine Goodness, and in the balancing we shall be provided with abundance to meet our paper bills.

Whatever you do, we shall continue to bless you and pour out upon you the Unlimited Good which we know is yours by Divine Right.

CHARLES FILLMORE, Editor.

UNITY STAMPS

Why not seal your holiday remembrances with statements of Truth? We can supply you with stamps that carry loving words which bless and heal. Each stamp (and there are fourteen in a set) is 1⅝ by 2⅜ inches in size and printed in three colors. A set, inclosed in a mailing folder, sells for 10 cents.

POCKET EDITIONS IN FLEXIBLE BINDING

We are looking forward to pleasing our many friends and readers this coming holiday season by presenting in flexible binding, pocket editions of "Christian Healing" and "Lessons in Truth." These new volumes have not yet come from the bindery, but the following description will give you some idea of their beauty and durableness as they will appear when finished.

Both books will be 4¼ by 7 inches in size; printed on very thin paper; the type will be large and clear. Each volume will be silk sewed, bound in Keratol, and will be sent in a neat individual box. A silk bookmark will be placed in each book.

We shall be able to fill orders for "Christian Healing" and "Lessons in Truth" in pocket editions December first. The price per volume is $2.00.

REGARDING THOSE GIFT SELECTIONS

As stated in this department last month, we will now offer the following suggestions which we hope will be helpful to those who are selecting holiday gifts and greetings.

For Children and Young People.

Wee Wisdom's Way.
Treasure Box.
Aunt Joy's Nature Talks.
Love's Roses.
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Directions for Beginners.
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Directions for Beginners.
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SOUVENIR BINDING

While all Truth books and magazines make acceptable and appropriate Christmas and New Year gifts, the following in special bindings will be appreciated particularly as holiday offerings:

In handsome flexible binding, pocket edition, we present "Christian Healing" and "Lessons in Truth;" edition de luxe of "Wee Wisdom's Way;" and these in decorative gift bindings: "Love: The Supreme Gift;" "Treasure Box;" "Beaux Arts Series;" "Consecration of the Room;" "Joy and Attainment;" "Giving and Receiving;" "Faith that Removes Mountains;" "Finding God" and "Prosperity and Success."

WHAT CHARLES FILLMORE SAYS ABOUT "CHRISTIAN HEALING"

Mr. Fillmore Writes a Testimonial for his Own Book.

I am just reading the proofs of another edition of "Christian Healing," and I am really surprised to find what an excellent book it is.

I had read proofs of the various editions so often that I had sometimes grown tired of them and said to myself, "I can't see what there is in that book that people want another edition of it."

But in reading it over this time I have found some helpful truths that I never saw before, and I freely admit it. I feel that I should make this public admission that "Christian Healing" is a good book as a matter of simple justice to the book itself. I have been carrying in my mind all these years since it was written that it had no special merit, and now I want to correct that erroneous idea, because it may have silently influenced someone who would have been helped had he secured the book.

It requires quite a bit of nerve for the author of a book to tell the public how good it is, but, as I have explained, I am doing this as a mere matter of justice to the book itself.

This new edition is in very large type and it is printed on thin paper and bound in flexible imitation leather. It is pocket size. We will cheerfully send you a copy on inspection. If you do not want it, send it back.

CHARLES FILLMORE.
UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY,
Unity Building, 917 Tracy Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

FOR HOLIDAY SUBSCRIPTIONS

To those who wish to take advantage of our special offer of three subscriptions for $2.00 and who have not now the names of the three persons in mind to whom they wish the magazines sent, we suggest the Prepaid Subscription Coupons. Use the coupons as holiday remembrances. Each

one is good for a year's subscription to UNITY Magazine or *Weekly Unity*. The blanks are very convenient. They can be signed and forwarded to the Unity School at times when check book or money order are not within reach or when currency is not handy to send. They can be given to friends, and those persons can send the coupons to us and we will mail them the periodical they desire. The plan will be appreciated by all who are helping in the good work by sending UNITY and *Weekly Unity* to those who do not know of the practical truths which these publications teach. The coupons will save time and trouble to those who hold them, and their convenience will be recognized as a blessing. Three of them will be sent for $2.00.

The Society of Practical Christianity, 3617-19 Wyoming Street of St. Louis, Missouri, will hold dedication services in its new church, Sunday, November 19, 1916. H. H. Schroeder, pastor. Telephone, Bell Grand 1607.

TO UNITY SUBSCRIBERS

Favor will be conferred upon the publishing department of the Unity School if each subscriber, when renewing his subscription, will copy his name and address exactly as it appears on the mailing wrapper in which the last issue of UNITY was received.

Please notice the color of the magazine wrapper. A pink one indicates the expiration of your subscription.

A mark around this notice shows that your subscription expired last month. Promptness in renewing will be greatly appreciated.

For the convenience of our subscribers, we would suggest that when the blue mark or pink wrapper is noticed you tear off that part of the wrapper upon which your name and address appears, inclose it with your remittance for renewal and mail it to us. We will understand that it is your renewal.

Indianapolis, Ind.—About three weeks ago when I opened my *Weekly Unity* to read, a bright light filled the room just as if the sun had shone, and there was no sun shining. I felt so light as if I was in another atmosphere. I can not describe my feelings. There is nothing in our home more welcome than the dear Unity literature.—*Mrs. J. B. B.*

TO FURTHER THE SPIRIT OF UNITY

Many requests for the names of our subscribers in various places are coming to us, the object of the writers being to get acquainted with others of like thought. It is a rule among publishers not to give out the names of subscribers, because people do not wish to be intruded upon. However, those of the same spiritual thought are often strengthened by coming in touch with one another, and for this reason we desire to help make such acquaintances. We will not give the names of our subscribers, but instead will publish the names of those who have written us for lists. We cannot grant the privilege to everybody, but to those only who we have reason to believe are sincere seekers for Truth. The following would like to meet Unity people in their vicinity:

Madame Dietz, Studio of Languages, 547 East Jefferson St., "Oak Cliff," Dallas, Texas.

Martha T. Anthony, 1013 5th Ave., Clinton, Iowa.

Eleanor Tierney, Hadlyme, Conn.

Sarah E. Payne, 1053 Sheldon Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Anna M. Bangester, Rear, 967 Ferry Ave., E. Detroit, Mich.

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Mrs. Ida M. Hopple, Tiffin, Ohio.

Mrs. V. M. Nohlin, 4520 S. Carrolton Ave., New Orleans, La.

Mrs. A. K. Meyers, 639 S. 2d St., East Salt Lake City, Utah.

Alfred D. and Lillian Hadel, 313 Duke St., Norfolk, Virginia.

FOR FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS

We quite often have requests from subscribers living in Australia, South Africa, and other far distant countries, that the Silent Unity "Class Thought" be given in UNITY for one month in advance. In response to such requests we give below the thought that will appear in December UNITY:

CLASS THOUGHT

December 20, 1916 to January 20, 1917

Held daily at 9 p. m.

"Arise! Shine! Thy Light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

At the expiration of your UNITY subscription, please renew at once. When a yellow blank is found under this notice, it means that your subscription expired last month. If the blank is placed in this issue your renewal should reach us before the 5th of December to avoid missing the next number. Use money order if possible; but bills or two-cent stamps may be sent at our risk.

THREE VALUABLE GIFTS

Which Can Be Paid for Next February

Each holiday season the Prosperity Bank Plan is a source of pleasure and helpfulness to many. First, the lesson and treatment contained in the plan is an excellent aid in demonstrating prosperity; secondly, the plan is very convenient for those who wish to send UNITY to three friends as gift subscriptions, and pay for the magazines after the holidays.

General Prosperity treatment is given each person who takes advantage of the Bank Plan. The applicant signs the blank which is found on page 480 and when it is received by the School, a bank is mailed for the purpose of saving the amount necessary to pay for three UNITY subscriptions. If Christmas cards are desired, we will send them to the recipients of gift subscriptions.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—You may discontinue your prayers for the present. I have been taking UNITY magazine for three years, and look forward with pleasure as each new copy arrives.—*E. S.*

Corte Madera, Cal.—I have been studying Divine Healing, and have had a great deal of encouragement, but I did not know the underlying principles as you so plainly teach them. I sent for the book, "Christian Healing," by Charles Fillmore, and the very Spirit power is with it. I get the witness of the Spirit every time I open the book and read. It is so beautiful and Spirit-filled. I thank you for your kind prayers for me, and know that God will bless and prosper you for your loving help to humanity.—*E. J. H.*

Other Remembrances

Not Mentioned in Supplement

THE UNITY PIN

The emblem of Unity, the winged world, has been artistically made into dainty pins of gold and silver. Members of the Society of Silent Unity and Silent Seventy can be supplied with these pins with the letters of their society engraved upon them. In solid 14K gold the price is $2.50; in solid silver, $1.25.

THE STRENGTH OF JOY

JOHN L. CHESNUTT

"The Strength of Joy" is especially attractive in its antique cover of Alexandria Japan with title in gold. The printing of the pages appears on creamy paper that harmonizes beautifully with the cover, and envelope which accompanies it. Price 15 cents.

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EDNA L. CARTER

New edition, revised and enlarged. A beautiful little book tastefully gotten up and printed; but even more beautiful are the inspiring contents, consisting of little sermons on many texts. Miss Carter writes clearly and forcefully, and the spiritual quality is high. Attractive artistic cover. Price 25 cents.

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WEE WISDOM MAGAZINE

"*Wee Wisdom*" is a safe guide for children. They can have no better playmate. No family can afford to be without *Wee Wisdom*. It is published monthly, and is entirely for children. There are stories, pictures, poems, letters, and many things of interest to the child mind in it. Price 50 cents a year.

AUNT JOY'S NATURE TALKS

This book will find a place of welcome in the home of thousands of progressive parents, for through its valuable lessons children are led to observe Life in its different degrees of manifestation, and are made to know that every creation of God, however lowly, has its place in the one great whole, of which the children themselves are only another expression. Parents and teachers will find "Nature Talks" of great value in awakening in the child an interest and sympathy in the gifts of God.

We can supply "Aunt Joy's Nature Talks" in attractive cloth binding for $1.00; paper cover, 50 cents.

ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you send UNITY, WEE WISDOM or WEEKLY UNITY as a Christmas or New Year's gift, we will mail a handsomely designed Greeting to the recipient of the subscription, giving your name as sender. The card will be sent so as to reach the subscriber about Christmas or New Year's day, just as you desire. When sending subscriptions be sure to state if you wish to mail the card.

WHERE UNITY PUBLICATIONS ARE SOLD

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CONCERNING THE UNITY PROSPERITY BANK

Why Necessary

Men and women everywhere are searching for, and will be satisfied with only that which is practical. When the hidden principles of life are discerned by them, they will not accept those principles wholly until their practical values have been discovered. It seems quite necessary to find a working basis for the science of life before mankind will endeavor to apply its laws; in this respect the Unity Prosperity Bank Plan supplies the demand by giving the world a practical lesson in demonstrating the truth and reality of the principles of Prosperity.

The Object of the Bank

The Bank Plan was conceived from the idea of applying the power of thought in finances and success. We have proved that our minds have power to draw to us abundance of all good things from the Universal Source, and upon this fact the Bank Plan was scientifically founded. Its object is to furnish a simple Prosperity lesson that teaches the unfailing Law of Supply. The lesson also includes special prayers given by the Society of Silent Unity and a drill in concentration.

The Use of the Bank

From the time that the Plan was first used it has been an extraordinary success. A great number of our readers have requested the Bank because they realized that the Plan would help them establish their prosperity on a more permanent foundation, and at the same time give an opportunity to send UNITY Magazine to three persons who need the ministry of this helpful periodical. So with the Prosperity lesson and prayers for success there is sent a Unity Bank in which the applicant deposits the subscription price of the magazines he sends to friends. Prosperity instructions accompany the Bank. Application blank for the Unity Prosperity Bank will be found on the next page.

Application for Unity Prosperity Bank

UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY,
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Please give me your special prayers for increased Prosperity, and according to the Plan, send a Bank in which I agree to save the amount ($2.00) necessary to pay for UNITY Magazine to the three following names. I will send you the subscription price within ten weeks after receipt of Bank.

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   Address .....

   City .....

   State .....

2. Name .....

   Address .....

   City .....

   State .....

3. Name .....

   Address .....

   City .....

   State .....

(This offer does not include UNITY for the sender unless his name is listed above as one of the three.)

Name of Sender .....

Address .....

City .....

State .....

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